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The editor and all who help to make The Baptist Record send our sincere wish that those who read its pages may have a truly happy Christmas. It is our prayer that you may enjoy in the coming year the abundant grace of our God and Father, and may find great joy in His service.

Dr. B. D. Hahn, long time prominent and useful pastor in Greenville, S. C., has found it necessary to resign his charge on account of ill health.

The West Kentucky Bible School at Murray has 22 students, eighteen men and four women. The Murray Institute, which has been held annually for 33 years, will be on Feb. 8-13.

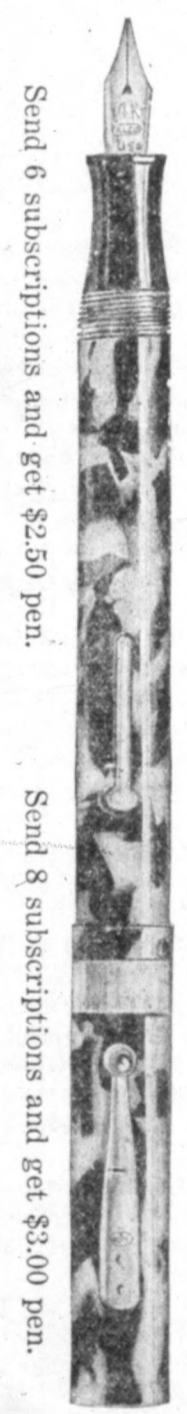
A men's banquet put the finishing touches on the every member canvass in the church at Ada, Oklahoma, where brother C. C. Morris is pastor. There were about 500 men present. Dr. T. L. Holcomb was the invited guest and speaker.

Pastor R. B. Patterson was wise in making preparations for his every member canvass. He had three inspirational addresses just beforehand by brethren W. C. Stewart, J. S. Rhodes and J. H. Hooks. There was good attendance and good interest in spite of the weather.

Some people are mightily afraid of "institutionalism", that is of a board or an institution or any cooperative effort in doing good. There is just as much sense in being afraid to utilize a factory or an improved piece of machinery to do your work. The institution is intended to multiply the value of your effort, making it reach many more people and help them more effectively than your individual effort could do.

How happy everyone of us should be that the Lord gives us the ability and the opportunity to help someone in need. You may not be able to do much, but do the little that you can, do all you can, and the joy will come into your heart. "As you have opportunity do good to all men, especially to them that are of the household of faith". And remember that James says, "Ye shall be blessed (happy) in the doing". "Blessed is he that considereth the poor; the Lord will deliver him in the time of trouble".

It is very probable that if one of our churches should decide to spend an hour on Sunday morning in the worship of God, people and preacher would be lost. Would they really know what to do? We are so accustomed to being entertained or instructed or entertaining ourselves with "sacred concerts" that we would not know how to worship. And if you were to try the experiment in your private devotions of praying for fifteen minutes, well you would probably, like Billy Sunday, think your watch had stopped.



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Gaston Ave. Church, Dallas, has a 1931 budget of \$66,000, of which \$21,000 go to the cooperative program.

Beginning Feb. 1, the Christian Herald of New York becomes a monthly instead of a weekly periodical as at present.

Two were baptized into the fellowship of the church at Clinton last Sunday night, a bright young girl and a promising young lady.

When Brother Bryan Simmons was on the coast conducting an evangelistic campaign a local artist pictured him as preaching the gospel, and the devil as a dog making his escape with a tin can full of the evangelist's sermons tied to his tail, making his exit from town. Also he had the singer, brother Cooper, putting Satan in a barrel ready for shipment to other parts.

We lost no time in beginning to read "The Cyclone", a new book from the Sunday School Board offices in Nashville, and didn't quit till we had finished it. It is written by Henry H. Graham, and is a particularly good book for boys and young men. It is clean, wholesome, a racy story of a football squad in a high school. The man who wrote it certainly knows the game and is evidently in love with it. The scene is a high school in Arizona. Funny, there isn't a girl in the story and yet it is intensely interesting. It will be a fine Christmas gift for any boy.

The story is told that John Wesley and a young preacher student were guests in a home of wealth, where all was comfort and elegance. The young man glanced about and remarked, "Not much self denial here". "No", Mr. Wesley replied, "but a fine opportunity for it". Brethren beloved, in this time when the Lord has seen fit to take away something of the fulness of material blessings to which we are accustomed, is it not a good time to show our devotion to him and his cause by increased faithfulness, lest the interests of his kingdom should suffer? Job was faithful to the Lord in his time of trouble. Thus the Lord proved to Satan the genuineness of Job's religion. Is this not our opportunity?

It is difficult not to believe that there is a purpose to deceive when a paper publishes this statement: "All through the years we have heard it said, but didn't believe it, that we spend only ten cents out of a dollar to Foreign Missions, and now we have it in black and white as a part of the Foreign Mission report of the Texas Baptist machine". Everybody knows that has enough sense to be held responsible that the above charge was meant to carry the idea that only ten cents out of every dollar given to foreign missions ever gets to the mission field. But it is a wholly different thing to say that Southern Baptists give to foreign missions only one tenth of their benevolent contributions. All liars shall have their part in the lake of fire and brimstone.

THE EVILS OF STRONG DRINK BEFORE THE SIXTIES AND THE BAPTISTS' ATTITUDE

By Rev. J. L. Boyd

Strong drink was imported to the early settlements of Mississippi from abroad and used as a means of barter between the whites and the Indians, who seemed to have inherited a liking for the "fire-water". Its baleful effects were readily detected in the Red men, which rendered them undesirable neighbors among whom to dwell. Hence the early Governors of Mississippi Territory issued proclamations "prohibiting the sale or distribution of ardent spirits to the Indians". Every legislature up to 1827 gave some attention to the restriction of the sale of strong drink; and in that year the first Temperance organization in Mississippi was effected at Natchez, J. A. H. Claiborne being the principal speaker of the occasion. The State, however, came to countenance the sale of liquors and granted licenses to anyone who might desire to deal in the deadly beverage, under certain conditions. Eventually it was sold at every cross-roads, and in the various groceries, and later in saloons set up for the business. White men became examples to the Indians in debauchery and shame, and the more sane and conservative among the red-skins deplored the degrading influence of the pale-faces. Thus spake George Colbert, a half-breed chief of the Chickasaws, to some missionaries who had been sent to Christianize his race:—"And white men are worse than Indians everywhere, though they have much preaching and much learning. The Indian never knew how to steal, get drunk, and swear until the white men learned them. We want no preaching in our country. We be free and intend to keep it so".

Vendors would frequent Associational and church meetings of the Baptists, plying their trade, and the users of the beverage would run amuck with one another or with some of the non-disturbing attendants at divine services. And so securely did the use of it become entrenched in the social life of the people that some churches seemed to have laid by some in store for the visiting delegates as is inferred from the following resolution, passed by one Association in the early days: "Resolved, That the church, and friends in general, provide no ardent spirits for the Association when she may hereafter meet, as we do not want it". And another Association sought to change the rules of hospitality by taking the following action: "Resolved, That we respectfully request the brethren and friends who may entertain this body at its future meetings, to refrain from presenting ardent spirits in their accommodations."

As times passed the evils of drink became more apparent as the population increased and the supply more abundant. The keel boats that plied the rivers and waters of the Gulf brought as part of their cargo "the oil of joy", and the captain had "besides de men to wuk de boat, one man to mix de bitters". Hence, dram-drinking and tippling became common, and most folks imbibed more or less habitually, and thought nothing of it. When a guest in another's home, "if a person were not treated, he went away feeling that he was mistreated". The man with the insatiable appetite (and his tribe was legion, and on the increase) succumbed to the evils of strong drink, becoming the object of pity and the victim of greed. Gala days were frequent, such as house-raising, log-rollings, horse racing, annual muster days of the State Militia, and such like, where and when there was always "plenty to eat, and also plenty to drink". Men would combine their efforts in cutting a new road from some far distant section of the county to the county seat, with a keg of whiskey awaiting at the goal to be imbibed instantaneously when the job was complete. The semi-annual opening of circuit court was the occasion for great crowds from all over the county to resort thither, some for recreation and excitement; others to hear the notable lawyers speak who took advantage of these occasions to display their great learning and masterful eloquence. And still others came

to "get something to drink". Extensive preparations were made for these days by the hotel keepers, merchants, and particularly the saloon keepers to provide the crowds, taking special pains "to have plenty to drink". The day was usually ended in a general spree, and sometimes lasted several days into the week. Fourth of July barbecues were popular resorts, also, for "the best and wealthiest, and worst and poorest". And after hearing a well-delivered address on the liberty of our free Republic and enjoying a good meal "without cost", the crowd "had the liberty of getting drunk after dinner".

The wildest scenes sometimes prevailed at these gala days. Dog fights were some of the chief sports which almost always provoked "fair ring fights" among the interested men grouped around. Everybody took sides—and took a hand at the drop of the hat. It is reported that on one occasion forty fights resulted from one dog fight. And a contemporary observes that "if all the fights that occurred in the old county site could be reported, they would fill a volume." Many a county seat town became noted for "the number of men killed in it", and other towns and villages held unenviable records.

As the tendency of the open saloon was observed to be toward evil continually, the Baptists are seen to take a firm stand against its degrading influence, in both their Associational meetings and the State Convention. The deliverance of the latter in 1838 contained the following language: "We believe that the grand object of the Temperance enterprise is prevention; and that it is the imperious duty of every patriotic citizen, every judicious parent, and every consistent church-member, to plead the cause of Temperance by the sweeping eloquence of precept and example." In 1847, Hugh Quinn, chairman of the Committee on Temperance, declared: "The fashionable and inordinate use of intoxicating drinks is a great evil—a curse in the land—the bane of society, morals and religion". He expressed the hope, and was backed up by the Convention, that the time would soon come "when our towns, villages and cities will no longer contain any of those sinks of pollution, known as retail groceries, which deal in the liquid poison." In 1853, the State Convention proposed Prohibition as the proper remedy for the suppression of the liquor traffic. The whisky seller, declared one Association in 1855, is the "Destroyer of human happiness, the corrupter of morals, the murderer of his friends and neighbors, the subtle enemy of the church of Christ, and the cause of the widow's tears and the orphan's cries."

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PASTORS OF LEBANON ASSOCIATION MEET

The Pastors' Conference of the Lebanon Association met Monday, Dec. 8th, at the Hattiesburg Y. M. C. A.

Pastors in attendance were J. A. Barnhill, C. E. Almond, S. A. Wilkinson, H. L. Spencer, and J. H. Pennebaker of Hattiesburg and R. W. Bryant, Harvey, R. H. Campbell, Wiggins, N. J. Lee, Sumrall, and D. A. Hogan, Purvis.

In a reorganization of the Conference J. A. Barnhill was chosen chairman and D. A. Hogan secretary.

An interesting talk was given by N. J. Lee on "Why Have a Pastors' Conference?" and an inspiring talk on the "Book of Colossians" was made by H. L. Spencer.

An effort is to be made in the Lebanon Association by the Pastors' Conference and others interested, to enlist all the churches in contributing to the cooperative program.

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PRIZE ESSAY CONTEST

The Prize Essay Contest for the current scholastic year is on the subject "Foreign Missions: The Present Crisis and a Future Program." A prize of \$150 will be awarded the best paper in each state. Two extra Southwide prizes of \$100 and \$50 will be awarded for the first and second best essays among those winning the award in the various states. This contest is open to all Baptist students, candidates for a Bachelor's degree. Papers due April 1. Write for details.

SALE AND NOT CONTROL THE GOAL OF THE WETS

N. S. Jackson, Supt., Anti-Saloon League

In the current number of Collier's, self-styled national weekly, there is an editorial in which the editor states that the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment is inevitable. He admits that anti-repeal forces still have the majority in both houses of Congress, but he says that there is moral fervor in the demand for repeal. He believes that it is possible to plan coolly and deliberately a desirable alternative to Federal prohibition. If this is not done, he says that we are destined to face some disagreeable days.

He admits that the vast army of criminals, gangsters, gunmen, and bootleggers will be difficult enough to demobilize, and he admits that even a greater problem will be that of controlling the liquor traffic once the 18th amendment is repealed. He also admits that anyone who cares about public welfare does not want to see the saloon return. The saloon was destroyed, and it deserved destruction. It was an evil. The real purpose of this pro-liquor editor is disclosed when he says:

"Quebec has adopted a system which possibly we may find best adapted to American conditions. In Quebec the sale of 'hard' liquor is a government monopoly. Government stores distribute whisky, and other liquors of high alcoholic content.

"Beers and wines are sold in taverns and drinking of light liquors is allowed on the premises. The Quebec system is more liberal than the Ontario plan. It might work successfully in many American states."

The Quebec system is the most wide open and least restricted of all the Canadian so-called control systems. It is the only system in Canada permitting legal sale of intoxicants to persons under twenty-one years of age. It is significant that wet interests in America are uniform in advocating the Quebec system. It discloses that their real purpose is liquor sale, and not liquor control.

According to government reports, consumption of intoxicating liquors in Canada has increased approximately one hundred per cent in the past six years, and the increase in consumption of light wines and beers has been small, while the increase of so-called "hard" liquors has been enormous.

Any Canadian system will not work in the States so successfully as in Canada. One who is arrested, charged with violation of the liquor law in Canada, is brought to trial within twenty-four hours after arrest. Contrast this with the ease which violators evade trial in the States and it will be seen that any so-called Canadian system will be a much greater failure in the States than in Canada. Canadians are realizing that they voted for control and were given sale instead. Prohibition sentiment is increasing in Canada, and the conviction is growing that the present method is a failure.

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It is said that by arrangement seventy-five students of Princeton Seminary visited Chinatown in New York and Water Street Mission to see how the work is done. Well they have a better way in the Baptist Bible Institute in New Orleans. The students there do not visit places to see how the work is done, but they go to all sorts of places and do the work of evangelism and ministering to those who are without God.

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STUDENT NIGHT

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To every pastor who gives his full time to one church within Southern Baptist territory there have been mailed the suggested programs for "Student Night at Christmas Time." Upon request a copy will be sent to others. "Student Night" has grown to be most popular throughout the South. It offers a superb opportunity for the local church to demonstrate its interest in the college students and for the young people to serve their church. Pastors like it. Home people welcome it. College students are honored by it.

Housetop and Inner Chamber

The Salvation Army estimates that 200,000 are out of work in Manhattan Borough, New York.

There are said to be seven white Baptist Churches in Shreveport and twenty-nine Negro Baptist Churches.

In seven months of war in China the casualties are said to be 300,000. Still we need to pray Thy kingdom come.

The Lottie Moon offering for foreign missions made by the W. M. S. at Clinton was up to \$150.00 at last report, and still coming in.

Prof. C. E. Hood of the Quitman Church at the pastor's request prepared a special lesson on Tithing, to be taught in their Sunday School classes Dec. 14.

Times may be hard but if our people will give the Lord the tenth that belongs to him, it will meet the needs of the work, and it will pull the people out of the financial mudhole.

Dr. Ben Cox of Central Church, Memphis, is distributing Bibles and other good books. He has a plan of sending them for examination and approval. If interested write to him.

The Central Committee of the State W. M. U. met in Jackson on Tuesday afternoon of last week. They asked for the same amount to be appropriated to their department for next year as was made for this year.

It is said that Northern Methodists and Northern Presbyterians lost heavily in numbers in the past year. The Presbyterians suffered a net loss of over 20,000 members and a decline of \$3,000,000 in gifts, mostly to missions.

Mr. Joshua Levering of Baltimore recently passed his eighty-fifth birthday. His long life has been devoted to doing good. He has been a special friend of foreign missions and of the Louisville Seminary. He was once prohibition candidate for the presidency.

This issue of The Baptist Record is the last for the year 1930. The next will be Jan. 1st, 1931, and will be a double number, illustrated, featuring Jackson and the Baptist institutions in honor of the Southwide Sunday School Conference to be held here Jan. 13-16.

We had chills and fever for a long time before we found out that the mosquito was at the bottom of all this trouble. Some day we will wake to the fact that our financial chills and fever are caused by robbing God of what belongs to him, and by the grace of God we will correct it, by honoring the Lord with our substance.

Hale V. Davis is pastor of Exchange Ave. Church, Oklahoma City. It was organized twelve years ago in the industrial section of the city and has now a membership of nearly 1,300, having practically doubled in the last two years. Their Sunday School averages 785, and the prayer meeting 300. Last month there were 45 professions of faith.

Current History publishes an article that asserted that arrests for drunkenness for each 10,000 population in cities under license were 182 in Stockholm, sixty-nine in Glasgow, fifty-five in Liverpool, fifty in London, and forty-seven in Paris. In Toronto and Montreal, under "governmental sale," it was eighty-eight and sixty-three. In New York city it was only eighteen.—Ex.

On the first of February Miss M. M. Lackey begins her work as Hostess in the Mississippi Baptist Hospital in Jackson. The sick people who come to Jackson and friends who come with them will find in her a sympathetic helper in their time of trouble. This writer knows from personal experience how tenderly she can minister to one who is sick.

In Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia and Peru the people afflicted with hard times, overthrew the government and by insurrection put in new presidents. Did they get rid of hard times? Oh no; but they had a good time expressing their feelings. In this country we have a safety valve in the newspapers. They furnish us an avenue of eruption and we go on about our business.

In a recent Baptist Hospital Campaign, in the city of Fort Worth and Tarrant County, to raise a dollar per Baptist; and in the county-wide B. Y. P. U. revival, Hemphill Baptist Church, of which L. Q. Aultman is pastor, was the only church that reached the goal—dollar per member. Also that church made the best record in B. Y. P. U. revival. Hence, Aultman's church took first honors over all the churches in the city and county at a mass meeting held in Fort Worth, Dec. 7.

G. K. Chesterton said recently in his Weekly: That fundamentalists were perfectly right in maintaining that materialism can be, and often is, inculcated as a creed by those who are only supposed to be teaching a science. If there be any religious equality the materialist has no more right to give the child a bias one way by means of biology than his rival to give a bias by means of Bible exposition. And anybody who says that a modern materialist would not give such a bias, is as ludicrously ignorant of modern controversy as he is of common human nature.

Coaches in the University of Chicago and University of Michigan, serving 38 and 29 years respectively, both say that prohibition has not increased drinking in these institutions. We do not believe that prohibition has increased drinking in any institution or anywhere else, but we do believe that the lack of discipline is responsible for increase in drinking in some schools. Men can drink in their rooms and college officials know it, and pay no attention to it. But if they display themselves in public they may get sent home for two or three weeks.

Have been on the field but three months. We have had quite a number of accessions. Last Sunday night we baptized three fine young men and two splendid young women. The three young men and one young lady were from the college here. Through the young people in the Junior College and the Agricultural High School we are preaching to and baptizing representatives from several of the surrounding counties. This is truly a great field for our church. Never saw a more promising work. Our house is filled for every preaching service. The Lord is working mightily among the student body and the Holy Spirit is opening the hearts of this body of young people for the reception of the message. We expect to see the "baptismal waters troubled" often. Come to see us.—A. A. Walker, Pastor, Moorhead, Miss.

Miss Fannie Traylor was elected Secretary of the State W. M. U. of Mississippi at the recent meeting of the Central Committee. She has been for fifteen years assistant to Miss Lackey and has had charge of the Young People's Department. In this she has shown great proficiency and proven worthy of the promotion, upon Miss Lackey's voluntary retirement. For a year or more she has borne a very large part of the burden of the work in the office and in the field. She has the entire confidence of the whole membership, and is well known in every part of the state. She is a native of Simpson County and has fitted herself for the tasks assumed by educational and technical training and by actual experience in service. We wish for her many years of increasing usefulness in this field of service. We are pleased to present her likeness in another part of the paper.

The ladies of the First Church in Jackson served luncheon to the members of the Convention Board last Wednesday, inviting all visitors present also, and members of the W. M. U. Central Committee. There must have been 150 people present and "They all ate and were full", according to the scripture. It was an elegant luncheon and a hearty vote of appreciation was given the ladies. The Board met in one of the Sunday School rooms of the church and the luncheon was served in the basement.

William Lyon Phelps names twenty-one books that we all should have read during the past year. The first two he puts in a class by themselves. They are The Story of San Michele, by Axel Munthe, and By Way of Cape Horn, by A. J. Villiers. The other nineteen follow: Uncle Sam's Attic, Davis; Humanity Uprooted, Hindus; Roosevelt, the Story of a Friendship, Wister; Yesterdays, Wing; Lone Cowboy, James; Science and the New Civilization, Millikan; Romance of the Machine, Pupin; Who Moved the Stone? Morrison; Mary Gladstone's Diary; Shepherds in Sackcloth, Kaye-Smith; Laughing Boy, LaFarge; The Shelbys, Green; The Patriot's Progress, Williamson; Somewhere in This House, King; The Tag Murders, Daly; Number Naught, Truss; The Lion and the Lamb, Oppenheim; The Scarab Murder Case, Van Dine; The Gang Smasher, Clevely. How many have you read?—Ex.

Reverend S. V. Gullett, Chaplain for the State Prison Farm Camps, a Baptist minister of Blue Mountain, Mississippi, yesterday completed his third year's work among inmates of the Mississippi State Penitentiary. In this length of time, Reverend Gullett has had 400 conversions among the prisoners of the institution. So successful has been his work that all inmates of the desperado white camp No. 6 made a petition to the Board of Trustees to reappoint Mr. Gullett as Chaplain for 1931, and his reappointment was unanimous by the Trustees at their December meeting. He visits all of the twenty-three units of the State Farm at least once a month.

You will see in another column of this issue of the Record announcement about the Prize Essay Contest sponsored by Mr. Frank Leavell and the Sunday School Board. A prize of \$150.00 is offered in each Southern State for the best essay on Foreign Missions, The Present Crisis and Future Program. An extra prize of \$100.00 is offered for the one that proves best in the South, and \$50.00 for the second best. Any Baptist student in any college in Mississippi, state, denominational or private, Junior or Senior college, who is a candidate for the B.A. degree may contest for it. The paper must be handed in on or before April first, 1931. It must consist of approximately 10,000 words. For full particulars write to Mr. Frank H. Leavell, Baptist Sunday School Board, 161 Eighth Ave. No., Nashville, Tenn.

It had been known to her close friends for some time that Miss Margaret McRae Lackey purposed to retire at the end of this year from the work of State Secretary of the W. M. U. in Mississippi. There is regret at seeing her give it up, but there is greater joy in reviewing the work she has done in these past nineteen years. Her sanity, consecration, education and experience in dealing with people were all brought under contribution to the one great cause to which she gave these mature years of her life. There was never any question as to her eminent fitness for this delicate and responsible task. The Women's work in Mississippi has always been a standard and an inspiration to the work throughout the South; and the work of our women has provoked to better service the efforts of the men, if it has not even put us to shame. The fine sacrificial spirit shown by Miss Lackey has been a clarion call to all her co-workers to do their best. The spirit of love and of harmony has been beautiful. The retirement of Miss Lackey from the office of Secretary of the State W. M. U. carries with her the loving benediction of all her fellow workers and all who have been blessed by her work. We give in another column the likeness of our retiring Secretary.

Editorials

CONVENTION BOARD MEETING

The meeting of the Board was preceded by that of the Executive Committee, which outlined the work to be done and made it possible for the Board to work out its business more rapidly. Dr. R. A. Kimbrough and Rev. W. E. Lee were again elected President and Recording Secretary. At the first session of the Board 54 of the 70 members answered roll call. Committees on Budget, Evangelism, Baptist Press, W. M. U. Work, Stewardship and Budget, Book Store and Building, Baptist Record, Nominations and Salaries, B. Y. P. U. Work, Sunday School Work, Baptist Student Work were appointed.

Appropriations were limited to \$43,500, but the desired goal to be reached was set at \$60,000. On account of the decreasing income and the prospects of financial depression for the months ahead all salaries of heads of departments were reduced ten per cent. For the same reason the departments of Evangelism and of Stewardship are discontinued as of April 1, 1931. In other departments the workers continue with reduced salaries. The W. M. U. had already accepted the resignation of Miss Lackey and elected Miss Fannie Traylor as her successor, and Miss Frances Landrum as Young People's Leader, succeeding Miss Traylor.

The percentage in division of funds remains as last year, 55 for state objects and 45 for south-wide objects. Within the state 18 per cent goes to State Missions, 28% to Christian Education, 4½ to the Orphanage, 2 to Jackson Hospital, ½ to Memphis Hospital, and 1¼ to Ministerial Education.

The State Mission fund is used to pay taxes, insurance, expense of Board meetings and for the various departments of work. Among these the Sunday School Department gets \$10,000; B. Y. P. U. Department \$4,650; Missionary Pastors \$8,000; Church Building \$10,000, this to pay for the 1930 appropriations, as no new appropriations were made for church building; \$5,313 for student work in colleges.

The Board had serious business before it and addressed itself seriously to it, in an effort to do the best possible for every cause under present conditions. Of course, as usual some work was left for the Executive Committee to finish up.

GOOD TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY

There are seasons when heaven and earth seem to meet. It may be in the time of rejoicing as at this Christmas tide or it may be in the time of sorrow when some loved one has been taken away. It was such a time as the latter that like John on the Isle of Patmos we hear "a voice from heaven saying, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth".

But even that comfort and assurance would never be ours if it were not for the other joyous fact of the coming of Jesus, which brought the heavenly visitants to the fields of Bethlehem that holy night to tell the simple shepherds on the hillside the glad news of the birth of the Messiah. But for that glad night which heralded a new day for the world, the whole inhabited earth would still be groping its way in heathen darkness like that which is seen today in Africa, India and China.

The whole world was lost in the darkness of sin. The Light of the world is Jesus.

It is good for us if in this time of festivity and gladness if we can go back to the source of it all that night when The Word became flesh and began his ministry of light and joy. Let us not forget, it is good for us to betake ourselves back to the beginning of the gospel, the dawning of that day of revelation which has made the world a different place to dwell in.

What sweet and tender and holy joy there was

in Mary's heart that night! It was worth going through all the misunderstanding and sorrow to feel in her arms the form of this babe that would fulfill all the hopes of devout Israel and all the prophecies and promises of God to his people and to a needy world. Here wrapped in these swaddling clothes and in the arms of the virgin mother lay all the worthy hopes of the human race, and the fulfillment of the aspirations of the saints in all the ages. Good tidings of great joy!

But here in the fields are these shepherds watching their flocks by night, talking together about the commonplaces of life in their simple way, looking up again and again into the heavens to watch the march of the silent hours. Their life was very ordinary, the usual humdrum of the common people. What had they to hope for? The wisecracks in Jerusalem hardly knew of their existence. The wealthy in the marts of trade knew them only as a group of rustics who brought their wool or sheep to the market occasionally. To these simple people the angel was sent with the announcement of good tidings of great joy. Like David who led his flock on these same slopes in the long ago they were to be God's chosen messengers of joy to all the people.

Yes God meant this good tidings of great joy for all the people. Happy are those who are chosen and entrusted to be bearers of the good tidings. But let us remember that it is to be to all the people. Not only is Christmas time an occasion to share our benefits and joys with others; the very nature of the gospel is such that its benefits abide with those who carry them to others. Heaven was bursting with joy that night in anticipation of what was coming to the world. The celestial portals swung open to permit the trooping seraphim to bring the glad tidings of great joy to a world in darkness. These shepherds could not keep their feet still nor their tongues silent. They must go to Bethlehem, not only to confirm the testimony of the angels, but to share with others the good news.

We need to remind ourselves at this Christmas tide of what are the real sources of abiding joy. We are prone to be satisfied with momentary and physical delights. The pleasures of the palate are too prone to supplant the deeper and abiding joys of the spirit. It is well if we hear through to the end this message of the angel: "Be not afraid; for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people, for there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior who is Christ the Lord".

Two things seem to stand out in this message. One is the assurance that there is no need of uneasiness and alarm. Naturally they were uneasy, "and they were sore afraid". The coming of the Lord Jesus and the beginning of the gospel may well excite apprehension on the part of some. It means to be sure the changing of plans, of men's way of living, of their very ideas of life. He says, "I will overturn, overturn, overturn, until he shall come whose right it is". But there will be always the substitution of something that is better. The inferior and the bad must go to make place for the good, for that which is according to truth and righteousness. If you believe in righteousness, you may have faith in God and not be anxious about what is to come.

But the other thing which stands out here is that which alone can bring real and permanent joy, "There is born to you this day a Savior who is Christ the Lord". But for this all other joys are fleeting and deceptive. At the bottom of all trouble is sin. The hope and source of our joy is a Savior. Whatever joys may come which are not founded on the assurance of salvation are doomed to disappointment. Whatever pleasures may be produced for the time being apart from deliverance from sin are like the miracles wrought by the magicians of Egypt, they will soon come to an end.

But one who has found fellowship with God through the Savior Jesus Christ, can say with the Psalmist: "Jehovah, lift up the light of thy countenance upon us. Thou hast put gladness in

my heart, more than they have when their grain and their new wine are increased. In peace will I both lay me down and sleep, for thou, Jehovah, alone makest me to dwell in safety".

E. E. Huntsberry, formerly at Fifteenth Ave., Meridian, has been called to Rayville, La.

Christmas Holidays at Mississippi College begin Friday, Dec. 19th, and end Monday, the fourth of January.

Brother B. F. Whitten has resigned at Hollandale and will make his home at Coldwater. Churches looking for a good pastor will take notice.

In discontinuing the Department of Stewardship and Budget the Board expressed regret at the necessity for this action and highly commended brother G. C. Hodge, who has had charge of this work, expressing the hope that he may be retained in a pastorate in Mississippi.

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention reports receipts for the Co-operative Program in November to be \$144,340.66, and designated gifts in addition to this to be \$13,014.58. The amount sent in from Mississippi was \$11,981.44 for the Cooperative Program and \$506.90 designated.

On Sunday, Dec. 14th, Calvary Baptist Church called Rev. Mark Lowrey as pastor for the ensuing year, and he has accepted the call. We regret very much to lose our pastor, Rev. Earl Ferrell, whom we have had with us for the past two years, but since he thought best not to remain longer on the field, we hope that he may be led of the Lord to a good church or churches in Mississippi, as we have no good preachers or pastors to lose. We welcome Bro. Lowrey and family to our church and we feel sure that they will be a blessing to us.—Reporter, Silver Creek.

Any preacher desiring the 1930 Convention annual may send ten cents for mailing charges to the Baptist Convention Board, Box 520, Jackson, Mississippi, and the annual will be forthcoming.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DEC. 14

Clinton Church	362
Chalybeate Church	120
Offering \$3.83	
Jackson, First Church	781
Jackson, Calvary Church	865
Jackson, Griffith Memorial	464
Jackson, Davis Memorial	365
Jackson, Parkway Church	155
Jackson, Northside Church	61
Hattiesburg, Fifth Ave. (Dec. 7)	273
Offering \$115.28	
Sardis Church (Dec. 7)	146
Offering \$5.93	
Gulfport, First Church	431
Offering \$110.02	
Meridian, First	689
Offering \$157.40	
Brookhaven	565
Hattiesburg, Fifth Ave.	303
Offering \$100.07	
Magee	278
Offering \$10.15	

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ENLISTMENT—A PROBLEM OF LEADERSHIP

Norman W. Cox, D.D.

In one of his chapel talks while I was a student in the Seminary, the now lamented, President E. Y. Mullins arrested with permanent interest my attention to the statement that there are always a lot of great ideas lying around within the ken of the consciousness of the average man, that if he would take up some one of them and wisely make his life a living incarnation of their significance, he would become great through the service he would accomplish thereby. But these ideas really amount to little or nothing because they are not transformed into life by some man or men becoming their living epistle. In these few words Dr. Mullins said much. We have been hearing for a hundred years wherever Baptists gather together in conventions, "THE PASTOR IS THE KEY TO THE SITUATION". For all too many of us it is a hackneyed phrase, worn slick with long use, whose vital meaning lacks incarnation in too many lives. Nothing that involves the enlistment and consecration of the interest, energies and money of men and women is ever accomplished until someone becomes possessed with a strong passionate desire and conviction that it shall be done. Leadership is the result of some dynamic purpose that stirs the pulses of him or those who lead to press on from that which would occur without effort to that which can only be achieved by combatting difficulties, enduring hardships and an inflexible purpose to accomplish an aspiration. The fact that Mississippi Baptists in the past year have given an average of a little better than a postage stamp a week and less than one egg a week to the causes of Christ outside the local church is proof positive, with no need for further argument, that there have been too few men and women in our churches who really cared for these Christ-given tasks.

Visit any Baptist church in Mississippi or any other state in the south and look it through and through and you will inevitably find, with regard to its attitude towards its denominational work, one of two things. If it is doing reasonably well or better by our missionary causes, the pastor is daring to lead them thus or there are within the church some member or members who thoroughly believe in missions and have so incarnated the idea that they have communicated it to others. If no missionary interest is evident its lack will be explained by the negative attitude or activity of the pastor.

Pray, who should be the missionary leader of a Baptist church? Can one read the New Testament but that it shall be convincingly evident that this is an inescapable obligation of the pastor? It should, of course, be shared by the deacons and other members of the church, but the pastor's responsibility is primary to that of all others. In nine out of ten cases the church's gifts to missions reflect the pastor's attitude towards missions. The exception to the rule either way proves it.

On the twenty-eighth day of last October I concluded twenty years of continuous ministry in the pastorate. The first six of these years were spent in a ministry to country churches. Four of these years were given to the pastorate of small town churches. And the last ten have been dedicated to the ministry of city churches. I have labored in four states. I yield precedence to none in respect for our pastors and in genuine sympathy for the vast majority of them who serve on starvation salaries and sacrifice in order to serve the churches to which they minister in a way that should put to shame the majority of their membership. But, in these twenty years I have found out that whenever a pastor really believed in missions and lifted his vision so that he could see all Christ's Will for our work his church invariably responded in a gratifying way. Whenever the pastor has really led his church to respond to this call its local finances were always largely profited and improved. The churches whose financial history is most pathetic as a rule are the churches which are delinquent in their



MISS MARGARET McRAE LACKEY
Retiring Secretary of State W. M. U.

support of the causes for which the Cooperative Program stands. Leaving out all the considerations that are highest, those of loyalty first to Christ, and looking at it purely from the angle of self interest it will be to his personal advantage to be energetic and bold in his championship of the causes of the Cooperative Program, if he does so in a sensible way.

In the average church if the pastor does not lead there will be no leading done. Once in a great while you will find a church in which there is some great souled man or woman, or a few men and women whose vision and devotion will surpass that of the pastor, but this is so rare. Whenever pastors dare assume the full responsibility of leadership imposed by their scriptural office the cause moves on.

In too many of our churches we are obliged to say that our pastors are following, what to them, is the line of least resistance. They have some parsimonious, narrow visioned members who are "agin missions". They have a few sorrowful souls who do not believe it will be possible to pay the salary promised the pastor. They have some who are possessed of that fallacy born of the devil that the mention of money in the pulpit will dissipate the spirit of worship and drive folks away from attendance upon the church services. And the wailings and caterwaulings of these serve as ice dumped upon whatever ardor the pastor may have and the result is nothing for missions and all too little for current expenses.

Wherever you find a pastor who is motivated by the conviction that his commission is to serve his brethren by the will of Christ and that the supreme law for the determination of his ministry is to do all the work that Christ in the New Testament is calling him to do, you will find the pastor whose churches will soon open their hearts to the giving of financial support to all the work that Christ has given Baptists to do.

Yes, "the pastor is the key to the situation". Our pastors can enlist our people in the support of the causes if they will. If our churches are giving an average of less than one egg a week per member to the support of the work outside their own local expenses it is because we, as pastors, have not led them into a larger vision. Baptists have no approach to this problem other than the voluntary response that the love of Christ constrains us to give. I am persuaded that the hour has come when the chief concern of Jesus, our Master, in so far as Mississippi Baptists are concerned, is for our pastors to do the work He has given them as denominational leaders. It is a time for genuine searching of heart with the question the twelve asked of Jesus when he had said that one of them would betray Him, "Lord, is it I?"

Next week we shall undertake a consideration of a simple method by which the key to the solution of our problem may be fitted into the lock



MISS FRANCES ELIZABETH TRAYLOR
She becomes State W. M. U. Secretary Jan. 1, 1931

of our difficulty and be utilized to open the doors that have been kept locked against the expression of a larger vision of Christ's Will.

The Mission Secretary in Virginia, Dr. George Waite, volunteered a reduction in his salary of one sixth. The denominational servants are as a rule men of sacrificial spirit and are perfectly willing to join the ranks of those who are compelled to live on reduced incomes.

The Board in discontinuing the Department of Evangelism wished it clearly understood that they were not less committed to the work of evangelism, but propose in other ways to try to supply the need at the least practicable cost. The Board expressed high appreciation of Brother Bryan Simmons and his co-workers.

A Committee was appointed by the Convention Board at the suggestion of the editor of the Record who will cooperate with him in making the paper to serve its constituency more effectively. This committee appointed by the president is as follows: J. D. Ray, J. A. Taylor, G. P. White, F. M. Purser, and H. R. Holcomb.

The Executive Committee of the Convention Board for the next year is composed of these brethren: C. C. White of Jackson, J. Knox Huff of Forest, M. P. L. Love of Hattiesburg, J. D. Ray of Starkville, R. A. Kimbrough of Charleston, T. W. Young of Corinth, W. E. Lee of Como, J. A. Taylor of Brookhaven, and L. G. Gates of Laurel.

I completed my third year as full time pastor of Iuka Baptist Church on December 10th. The church called me again for 1931 without a dissenting vote for full time, and I have accepted the call. Even though the church has had less than one week of outside help in evangelistic work during the three years, there have been a number of additions to the church. There exists a better spirit of harmony and more unity in the church than in years.—Clarence Palmer.

RESOLUTION OF N. O. HOSPITAL COMMISSION

That this Board go on record as expressing its keen appreciation of the loyal, earnest and efficient service rendered this institution by Doctor Louis J. Bristow since its inception:

That we express to Doctor Bristow our profound satisfaction over the withdrawal of his resignation; and pledge to him our earnest, loving, wholehearted support in meeting the problems and carrying out the duties of his position as superintendent of the Southern Baptist Hospital in future.

STUDIES IN REVELATION

(By L. D. Posey, Itta Bena, Miss.)

Chapter One—Introduction

The reader of these notes should read all of the chapter under consideration in order to get the best of such help from these studies.

There are many helpful points in the study of chapters two and three that cannot be presented at all here for lack of space; and for the same reason a mere mention of others will have to suffice.

Chapter Two Studied

The first thing of interest is the number of these churches to which John was to commit this revelation. There were seven of them.

As stated in our former study, seven is the sacred number for completeness or perfection; so, in selecting these seven churches there was to be found in them all the conditions that would obtain in New Testament churches through the entire gospel dispensation. One characteristic the outstanding condition in one period and another at an other period. Also, some of the conditions in some of the seven churches would prevail more or less in all churches through the entire church age. To illustrate: The greatest trouble in the church in Ephesus was they had "left their first love." That has always characterized denominations, churches and individual professors of Christianity; a loss of spiritual fervor and love for divine things, and as revealed in the word of God.

In proof of the foregoing interpretation, you have but to remember at the time of this revelation there were some other churches that were more important so far as location, prestige and opportunity were concerned than some of these; namely, the church in Jerusalem, the one in Antioch of Syria, in Philippi and also at Rome. A still further proof is that time and observation have shown this to be the actual course in the history of New Testament churches. We have but to read the word of God and look about us to know unmistakably that we are in the Laodicean stage of church life.

At this point I call attention again to one thing made plain in the first chapter; namely, that Christ is walking among the churches and holding the angels (pastors) in his hand. Let it also be noted that each one of these letters is addressed to the angel (pastor) of the church. The significant part about it is that the pastor is largely responsible for conditions in the church. That being true, some of us are bound to receive severe chastising.

It would be a fine thing for every pastor in this state to begin the first of the year and preach a series of sermons to his church on the facts revealed in these seven letters, making the application to himself and his church, and set about to remedy as far as possible that which is wrong and strengthen that which is right. In these notes I can give only an idea as to each of these seven churches.

Ephesus

1. The things praised.

Their works, their labors, their patience, their refusal to bear with them that were evil, their trial of those who professed to be apostles, but were not, and were found to be liars, and their hatred of the Nicolaitans whom Jesus also hated. Surely that is a fine array of good things to be said of a church; but there was another side.

2. That which was condemned.

That had lost their first love. As already stated, their love for Christ and things divine was slipping away. That church was like the "modern man" who tires of his wife and seeks new loves with other women. It's a desperate condition for either churches or men.

3. The threat.

Unless they repented and did the first works, their candle-stick (church) would be removed out of its place. That has always been true with denominations, church and individuals. As long as their love for Christ will cause them to die if need be for him, they prosper spiritually; they do not backslide. A glance at the New Testament churches of the Apostles' days, shows their first

love to be what we call missionary. The church in Ephesus had begun to lose their missionary spirit. The Primitive Baptist denomination is a present day illustration and example of what it means to fail in missions. And just in proportion as we co-ordinate other religious efforts, however good in themselves, with missions, we are losing out.

4. The promise.

"To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life which is in the midst of the paradise of God." Verse 7.

From the letters written by the apostles themselves, we learn that before their decease the spiritual fervor and love of many were decreasing, and false teachers and their doctrines were rising up, so the church in Ephesus stands as a type of the beginning of decline among New Testament churches. It also marked the beginning of the rise of those who wanted to run things, and which had its climax in the Pope of Rome; and with which many churches are suffering now. Sometimes it's deacons; sometimes women, and sometimes the choir; but more particularly a few in each church who are more wealthy than others. They usually want to boss the preacher and everybody else.

Smyrna

1. Lack of censure.

Be it said to the everlasting praise of this church, it is one against which no word of censure is uttered. The Lord knew of her works, tribulation and poverty; He knew of the blasphemy of those who said they were Jews, but were of the synagogue of Satan. This church was poor in this world's goods, but rich in love for Christ as is always the case with those who suffer persecution. It was here that Polycarp, who is believed by many to have been the pastor of this church, was burned at the stake, Jews and Pagans both alike clamoring for his death.

2. Encouragement.

The members of this church were told to fear none of those things they would have to suffer. "If Jesus is in the boat, we can laugh at the storm," is a mighty truth; and he is always with us when we are persecuted for righteousness sake.

3. The promise.

"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee the crown of life." "He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death."

It is a well known fact that the persecution of Christians reached its climax just before the conversion of Constantine, after which the Devil changed his tactics from persecution to compromise. As a result of that change, many churches now are not much more than social entertainment clubs; and one can hardly distinguish between those who are church members and those who are not.

The expression, "Ye shall have tribulation ten days," is generally, and I think rightly, regarded as a prophecy of the ten year's suffering of Christians during the reign of Diocletian, and running from A. D. 303 to A. D. 313. Stated differently: This church in Smyrna was a type of what all the churches would have to suffer during that period which ended about A. D. 315.

(Continued next week)

The Convention Board in session last week adopted resolutions of appreciation of the work done by the retiring W. M. U. Secretary, Miss M. M. Lackey.

Miss Frances Landrum accepts the position of Young People's Leader in the State W. M. U. work, beginning Jan. 1st. The editor has known her from her girlhood and can testify to her fine ability and Christian character. Like her mother, Mrs. Charles Walters of Laurel, she has been an interested and active worker in her own church. She was active in Christian service while a student in the Woman's College in Hattiesburg, went to the Training School in Louisville with the expectation of being a missionary, and now the Lord has directed her to the work for which she has been unwittingly in preparation during these early years. She is finely equipped for this service.

CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE QUOTA

Southern Baptists' objective for attendance at the Jackson Conference is 4500 outside of Jackson proper. Every state has confirmed their Attendance Quota. Leaders in each state are putting forth special effort to reach their proportion of the total quota, which is larger than any former Conference. One of the slogans being used is: "The church that sends the largest and liveliest delegation is the church that will reap the most rewardful returns."

Early Reservations Recommended

Request for reservations at hotels and homes have already come in. All who are planning to go to Jackson should, by all means, get in touch with Mr. E. D. Kenna, Merchants Bank, Jackson, Mississippi, and request reservation in hotels or homes. The rates in the leading hotels run from \$2.50 to \$3.50 per person. Single rooms for two persons will cost \$1.50 to \$2.00 per person. Special rates to parties of three or more. Splendid homes will be available at \$1.00 per person per room; \$1.50 with breakfast. A request to your State Sunday School Secretary will bring to you a complete list of hotels and rates.

Reduced Railroad Rates

On the identification certificate plan tickets will be available through your local ticket agent at "fare and half" for round trip. Tickets go on sale January 9th. The final return limit will be January 22nd. Your State Sunday School Secretary, or the Baptist Sunday School Board, will furnish the identification certificate upon request. Delegates will not be able to secure these special railroad rates unless they present the identification certificate to the ticket agent. The estimated round trip fare from Tupelo to Jackson is \$10.61, Pullman and meals extra.

Accommodations for Motorists

It is probable that at least half of the delegates will travel to Jackson by motor. A territorial analysis shows that there are one million Baptists within a day's motor trip of Jackson and three million within two days' motoring. The Jackson committees are fully organized to offer ample garage and parking facilities.

The Complete Program

The complete program in pamphlet form is available. It sets forth in detail information concerning reservations, railroad rates, program personnel and Conference objectives. Simply write your State Sunday School Secretary or the Baptist Sunday School Board for the complete Conference program.

SOUTHWIDE CONFERENCE

There will be five sectional conferences: Sunday School Administration, Elementary, Intermediate, Young People's-Adult, and Church Administration. There will be no separate conferences on the Daily Vacation Bible School, but this work will appear on the programs of the Elementary, Intermediate, Sunday School, and Church Administration departments.

DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS

Fully as appealing as the general sessions will be the divisional conferences. Here will be presented practical solutions to the problems of your school. The secretaries in charge of the Conference work have selected the men and women who can best handle the phases of the work designated to each. Through their devotion to the task and determination to better if possible all former programs, the department secretaries have made diligent search among our most progressive schools and churches for outstanding leaders, and have spared no expense in enlisting this distinctive group for the Jackson Conference. Any one of the sectional conferences will present a program well worth the journey to Jackson. Hence, there will be found a double appeal through the general sessions and the individual conferences.

The secretaries in charge of the divisional conferences are: Arthur Flake, Sunday School Ad-

ministration; Lillian S. Forbes, Elementary; Mary Virginia Lee, Intermediate; William P. Phillips, Young People's-Adult, and Home and Extension; P. E. Burroughs, Church Administration; H. L. Grice, D. V. B. S.

PROGRAM PAMPHLET

There is being prepared for early release a Conference pamphlet containing the complete program of the Jackson meeting. These will be available upon request of the state Sunday School secretaries in each state, or from the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee. The program pamphlet covers essential information concerning reservations at hotels or homes, reduced railroad rates on identification plan, general meetings, conference meeting places, exhibits, program personnel and other information.

ATTENDANCE QUOTA

Key-men in each state are now set to the task of reaching the state quota. The Southwide objective is 4,500 outside of Jackson proper. Mississippi's quota is 1,500, and the Baptists of the state are endeavoring to enlist pastors, superintendents, teachers, directors, department officers, class officers, and others, confident that the quota will be fully reached.

THE PRICE OF DISOBEDIENCE AND REWARD OF OBEDIENCE

By Miss Minnie Spears, member of R. L. Wallace's Bible Class in Hinds Junior College, a blind girl and fine student. She is one of a class of 85 who were asked to write on this subject.

All those who read God's word with care
And study it in faith and prayer—
Will see two pictures painted here,
In words quite strong, precise and clear.
In these two pictures one may see
Where he must spend eternity;
The sinners all to hell will go,
In Heaven the saints sweet peace shall know.

We study first where sinners go,
A place of sorrow and of woe
Where hate and torture ever reign,
A place of grief, distress and pain.
With not a drop of water near,
No one to speak a word of cheer;
No love or comfort there is found;
But cries of tortured pain resound.

There friends and loved ones are not known,
And peace and joy forever gone;
Where fire and brimstone never cease
That one may know an instant peace.
Oh, what an awful place 'twill be
Wherein to spend eternity;
But if God's word we disobey,
This awful price we'll have to pay.

Now let us turn to Heaven above
Where all is peace and joy and love;
Where we shall know as we are known
With pain and sorrow ever gone.
There tears will never dim the eye
Nor friends will ever say good by;
Around the golden throne we'll sing
Sweet praises to the Lord and King.

A city where there is no night;
But where God's face will be the light.
The gates are pearl, the streets are gold,
And yet, the half is still untold.
Oh what a happy place 'twill be
Wherein to spend eternity,
But if we will obey the Lord,
We shall receive this great reward.

Now listen, friend, our blessed Lord
Has given us His holy word
That we may study it and know
Where we would really like to go.
The price of hell we'll have to pay
If we God's word do not obey,
But if God's will we do and know,
To Heaven we will surely go.

Stewardship Department

G. C. Hodge, Secretary

"Every member of every church contributing every week to every cause, in proportion to his ability."

ASCENDING STEPS IN CHRISTIAN GIVING (Continued from last week)

The Climax—Love's Offering

The Fifth and final Step, the top of the ladder, the climax in Christian giving, is: **Love's Offering**, all that one has. In 2 Cor. 8:8, Paul speaks of giving as a proof of love. As Jesus sat in the house of the Pharisee a woman which was a sinner came; and brought an alabaster box of precious ointment, and stood at His feet weeping, and she washed His feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head, and kissed His feet and anointed them with the ointment. And the Lord said to Simon: "Thou gavest me no water for my feet, but she hath washed my feet with tears. Thou gavest me no kiss, but she hath not ceased to kiss my feet. My head with oil thou didst not anoint, but this woman hath anointed my feet with ointment. Wherefore her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much!" (Lk. 7:37f). On another occasion "Jesus sat over against the treasury and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury. And many that were rich cast in much. And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which makes a farthing. And He called His disciples and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, that this poor widow cast more in than all they which have cast into the treasury. For they did cast in of their abundance, but she, of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living." (Mk. 12:44). **Love's Offering!**

About the first incident in connection with the Savior's birth, was the giving of the gold of the wise men, to honor the new-born King, and about the last act of His public ministry was to commend this poor widow for her generous gift.

A sweet little girl, about 6 years old, in our Sunday school wanted to do her part in one of our offerings. She had no money, but she had a beautiful doll which she greatly prized. She sold the doll for one dollar, and brought the dollar and gave it to her Lord. Surely this was **Love's Offering**.

God gave His Son, because He "so loved the world." And Christ gave Himself because of Love—"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

A minister made an impassioned appeal for the support of a mission among the mountains, where rough men and women knew very little of God and the religion of Jesus Christ. He had hoped to inspire his people, and help them to see that it was a blessed privilege to give; but felt that he had failed, and was greatly depressed. But he had not seen little crippled Maggie toward the rear of the church, trembling with emotion, and with bowed head, prayed almost audibly: "Lord Jesus, I have nothing to give; but I want those people to hear about my Saviour. O Lord, I have nothing." "Yes, you have, Maggie," a voice seemed to say. "You have your beautiful crutch that was given you, it is worth many shining dollars. You can give this—your best friend that helps you into the park where the birds sing, and takes you to church, and makes your life happy. You can give that." "Oh, no, Lord," sobbed the child; and then, "Yes! yes! I will! He gave up more than that for me." Almost blindly she handed the polished crutch to the deacon who was taking the scanty collection. For a moment the man was puzzled, and then comprehending her meaning, he carried the crutch to the front, and laid it on the table before the old pulpit. The minister stepped down and held up the crutch with trembling hands. The sublime sacrifice had unnerved him, so that for a moment he could not speak. Then he said "Do you see this, my people, little crippled Maggie's crutch—all that she had to make life happy? She has given it to the Lord, and you—what have you given?"

There was silence. The people flushed and moved restlessly. The minister continued: "Does anyone wish to give to the mission cause, the amount of money this crutch would bring, and give it back to the child, who is so helpless without it?" "Fifty dollars," said a banker, "Twenty-five," said another, "One hundred," said another. And so the gifts and subscriptions came in and were lightly piled over the crutch on the table. "Thank God, you have found your hearts," said the minister, and closed the service. Little Maggie, so absorbed with the magnitude of her gift, and the love that prompted it, had scarcely seen what had taken place. She had no thought for the future, or how she would reach her humble home, or the days when she would sit helpless in her chair, as she had done before. Christ had demanded all that she had, and she had given it with the blind faith of an Abraham. A woman's arms drew her in close embrace, and soft lips whispered in her ear: "Maggie, dear, your crutch has made many dollars for the mission cause, and has come back to stay with you. Take it, my child." Like a flash there came the consciousness, that in some mysterious way her gift had been accepted of God, and returned to her. With a cry of joy she caught the beloved crutch to her lonely heart. Then smiling through her tears, she hobbled out of the building. **Love's Offering!**

Let us adopt the burning words of Livingstone, written in his Diary, in the jungles of Africa:—

"My Jesus, my King, my life, my all:

I again dedicate my whole self to Thee!"

Let us, and all our people, make these words the standard of our living, and the standard of our Giving! And the Kingdom will come, Christ will be honored, and Angels will rejoice around the throne of God!—Rev. W. E. Robertson, Richmond, Va.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Several weeks ago I tendered my resignation as superintendent of the Baptist Hospital in New Orleans with the purpose and expectation of returning to the pastorate. However, upon the earnest request of members of the Commission, members of the medical staff, representatives of the Trustee for the bondholders and many others throughout the bounds of the Convention, I have withdrawn my resignation and expect to remain with the Hospital. At the semi-annual meeting of the Commission held December 9th and Board heartily and unanimously expressed its appreciation of the withdrawal of the resignation and pledged its earnest support of the work.

Receipts from the Co-operative Program have been barely sufficient to pay interest on the bonded indebtedness, and no provision is being made by the denomination to pay the principal of the debt. It is necessary for us to operate the hospital as a commercial institution in order to earn money to pay the bonded indebtedness and this we are doing. We have published every month in all the denominational papers a report of our business showing income and disbursements. These advertisements should be read and pondered by all our people as they indicate the necessity of operating the hospital at a profit. However, we are doing a creditable amount of charity work for the poor. I crave the sympathetic support and prayers of the brotherhood in the difficult task.

Fraternally,

—Louis J. Bristow.

In this time of financial depression some of us will have to spend less for material comforts. The temptation will come to economize on the things that build up the spiritual life. If the temptation comes to discontinue The Baptist Record, you had better give your soul the preference, if your body has to be denied.

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OUR RETIRING W. M. U. CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, MISS M. M. LACKEY

In every life there are two God-implemented instincts: mastery and submission, by which life is achieved and the world made better. That mastery which comes through a life linked with Divine purpose and power and that submission reinforced by the consciousness of God's guidance. Herein is the secret of masterful leadership in the Kingdom of God. Yielding to such impelling forces Miss M. M. Lackey assumed the duties of Secretary of Woman's Missionary Union of Mississippi, April, 1912. Since that time she has served the Baptist Women of Mississippi and the South faithfully and well.

Her clear thinking and enthusiastic interest have contributed in inestimable measure to the continued growth and development of W. M. U. in our State.

Brilliant in intellectual attainments and gifted in leadership, her 18 years of service, have been luminous with an abiding faith, strengthened by dauntless courage and beautiful consecration to the Master's work. Her gifted, facile pen and poetic soul have made richer the literature of our State. Her quiet dignity, blended with hearty cordiality has always marked her as a woman of rare poise and culture. Her influence for lofty endeavor and true Christian attainment has been felt in practically every community in our State. Always will the Baptist women of Mississippi think of Miss Lackey with love and gratitude. In retiring from the active duties and responsibilities of office work, she commits to us a trust, expressed in her notable years of service.

OUR NEW W. M. U. CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, MISS FRANCES TRAYLOR

She does not need to be introduced to you. Since 1915 she has been associated in the office with Miss Lackey, and has been our efficient and well beloved Young People's Leader.

Several months ago, when Miss Lackey announced to the Executive Board her decision to retire from the work of Secretary, we wondered, "Who will be sufficient for these things?" God always leads when we ask guidance, and the Executive Board were unanimous in their nomination of Miss Traylor to take up the work of our retiring consecrated Secretary. We feel that W. M. U. of Mississippi is particularly fortunate in having one so well qualified to assume the responsibilities of this office.

The name and influence of Miss Traylor is lovingly interwoven into the very fabric of W. M. U. because of the splendid work she has accomplished with our Auxiliaries. She brings to her new office well trained mental powers, a heart experience and vision of world needs, radiant and glowing enthusiasm, and a forceful character, consecrated to a noble purpose—the upbuilding of God's Kingdom.

OUR NEW YOUNG PEOPLE'S LEADER, MISS FRANCES LANDRUM OF LAUREL, MISS.

Miss Landrum was graduated from Woman's College, before going to Woman's Missionary Union Training School, where she is taking her second year, and will graduate in May, 1931. She is recognized as one of the outstanding young women of the School. She is of winsome personality, a brilliant musician, gifted in literary attainments and culture and consecrated to the Lord's work. Until Miss Landrum can come back to the State the work of the Auxiliaries will

be arranged for from the office of the Secretary with the help of the District Counselors.

Mrs. A. J. Aven,
Pres. B. W. M. U. Miss.

AN APPRECIATION OF MARGARET McRAE LACKEY

Madam President:

Realizing the love the members of the Executive Board of the Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union bear for the beloved friend and co-worker, Margaret McRae Lackey, and because she is now retiring from active participation in the deliberations of this Board, we wish to go on record voicing our love and appreciation of her invaluable and inestimable service to our Master's Cause, not only here in Mississippi but throughout the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Her life has been a constant source of inspiration to those who have come in contact with her. And to us who have worked more closely with her, the high courage and faith in God she has evinced at all times and under all circumstances will ever abide with us, and serve to urge us on to still hold high the torch she has so faithfully held aloft these 18 years, and is now passing on to other hands.

It has been a joy to work with her and though our hearts are saddened today because of the severance of the tie that has bound her to the W. M. U. of Mississippi as it's Corresponding Secretary we shall still find joy in the knowledge that she is but stepping into another field of usefulness and that we are still "laborers together" now and always.

Committee: Mrs. Christopher Longest
Mrs. G. W. Riley
Mrs. I. L. Toler

(The Executive Board's Gift to Miss Lackey)

I know every Baptist Woman in Mississippi will be interested in this special feature of our W. M. U. Executive Board Meeting. When Miss Lackey let it be known that she would not serve as Corresponding Secretary another year, our President, Mrs. A. J. Aven, asked for suggestion from each member of the Board regarding an appropriate gift. The final decision fell upon an exquisite sterling silver vase bearing her monogram and the years of service, filled with yellow Pernet roses. At the proper time Mrs. Aven, in her inimitable way, made the following presentation:

"When a group of friends and admirers of Shakespeare wanted to express their appreciation and debt of gratitude to the Poet, they made a garden and planted it with just the flowers the great poet loved best. As visitors moved through the perfumed path of this lovely spot, there clung to their garments the odor of violets and roses, of lilies and jasmine, and honeysuckle. The beauty and fragrance of these lovely flowers came with heavens sunshine, their roots were planted in the earth—they were of the earth, earthy. The years passed, and with them all the beauty and all the fragrance of this lovely garden faded and died.

You too, dear friend, have planted a beautiful garden of service for the Great Master Poet of the Universe. You have planted it in the hearts of the Baptist Women of Mississippi. In it's fertile soil you have planted things eternal—joy, courage, patience, sympathy, self-sacrifice, faith, hope, love, spiritual qualities, whose fragrance clinging to "garments for service" shine through

the soul and transform the life. As these attributes grow, they blossom with a whiteness, like unto the whiteness of the "Lily of the Valley," and they grow sweet with the sweetness of the "Rose of Sharon," their fragrance never passes, their beauty never fades. Yours has been a heart touch, and all that you have planted in the hearts of others will come back into your own. Today we, your co-laborers of this Executive Board, hedge you and your garden 'round about with our warmest love, expressed in this simple gift. We cannot promise that our golden roses will not fade, we cannot promise that our silver vase will not lose it's shining beauty, but we do give assurance that deep in the garden of our hearts will always blossom for you the tender plant of an abiding affection."

After these appropriate words were spoken, each woman felt that Mrs. Aven had expressed her own heart-felt appreciation of Miss Lackey. I will not tell in this communication just how we behaved, this is left to your imagination.

—A member of the Board.

Echoes from the Weeks of Prayer Program

"I believe it was one of our most beautiful seasons of Prayer. On Friday evening at the close we felt it was so fitting to have a short Memorial Service in memory of dear Miss Edens. We loved her because she had been here when the State Convention met here and we had named one of our circles for her and had always been interested in her work in Africa. So glad she got to come home before the end came."

"You will rejoice with us in that we met our goal for the Lottie Moon Offering. This morning we found our Love gifts amounted to \$130.50. Since then a few other gifts have come in. How happy we are that we have this expression. All of it came from the girls with mine included, but the best thing was that our girls are learning to give. One girl saved all the money she earned cutting hair for a certain period. It was more than \$2.00. One sold some hand work and gave \$3.44, the profit. One didn't spend anything on herself for a certain period of time and saved \$1.00. One girl worked and made \$6.00 which she gave. The ones I wanted to give more are doing it. The spirit of love has prompted this and I'm glad for I realize it is not how much we give but how."

—BR—

Dr. T. C. Crume, Evangelist, Walton, Kentucky, has just closed a good meeting at the Victory Memorial Church, Louisville, Kentucky. There were 112 additions, and a large per cent of the converts were men. Dr. J. B. Head is the great pastor of a great church.

—BR—

Secretary Davis says that 90 per cent of the government income goes to pay for wars past and prospective, and that the cost in lives of the world war was one per cent of the world's population.

—BR—

So quietly it all happened that the report of it almost missed us: On Nov. 26 Dr. L. G. Gates, pastor of First Baptist Church of Laurel and Miss Marion Tate were united in marriage. Dr. Gates has, among other distinctions, that of having presided over more Mississippi Baptist Conventions than any man for many years. The bride is a well known and active member of his church and participant in every good work. May the years increase their joy and usefulness.

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East Mississippi Department

By R. L. Breland

Her Adieu

With the dying moments of the
year 1930, one of the fairest flowers
of Southern womanhood will bid adieu
to the work which she has loved
so well, honored so gracefully and in
which she has wrought so nobly and
so successfully. . . . Miss Margaret
McRea Lackey gives up her work as
Corresponding Secretary of the Mis-
sissippi Baptist Woman's Missionary
Work at the end of this year.

A number of Mississippi's fairest
daughters have been honored with
this responsible and exalted position
since the women organized many
years ago, each of whom has shed
luster upon the office, but no star
in the whole galaxy of our noblest
outshines the one who is now laying
down the ermine of her office after
nearly two decades of the most mar-
velous achievements in the Master's
service. We are expecting that her
worthy successor, Miss Fannie Tray-
lor, will do nobly.

Everyone wishes for Miss Margar-
et many years of happy, useful liv-
ing yet. She will smile and be busy
for her Savior wherever she may be.
It is reported that she will be "Moth-
er" to the nurses and patients out
at our Baptist Hospital, a place that
none could fill quite so well, and
where her kindly words and soulful
smile will cheer many a sick, tired
heart and help them in the fight for
health and right. Adieu, dear heart,
with these words:

"As the sun sinks behind the blue
hills of the west,

The last lingering rays are the
softest and best;
So with life, when well spent, fully
trusting His Word

Sweetly lingers at sunset mid the
smiles of it's Lord."

End of the Decade

Ten years ago this month Dr. R.
B. Gunter was chosen as Correspond-
ing Secretary of the Mississippi Bap-
tist State Convention Board. Each
succeeding year he has been the un-
animous choice of that body as his
own successor with not even one
mention of any other for the place.
He had notified some of his most

intimate friends that he did not care
to go beyond the ten years, but had
rather drop out then and enter the
ministry of the pastorate again.

The writer was present at the
Board meeting last when the matter
of electing a man to fill this position
came on to be heard. The minds of
the 75 and more members present
seemed to be made up in advance
and when the matter was mentioned
each voice seemed to say, "None but
Dr. Gunter will do in this crucial
hour in our Baptist work." Accord-
ingly, he was reelected for the elev-
enth time without a dissenting
thought. This was a signal honor
conferred upon one who is worthy.
Many expressions of praise for his
splendid work were heard and all
pledged loving loyalty for the year
coming in.

With faltering voice Dr. Gunter
modestly told the Board members that
he would accept the position, though
more flattering offers had come to
him, and that he would serve in this
position another year. This ready
answer brought joy to all hearts.

"Not at the end of life's busy day
He stands—but as the great oak
on the shore

He still weathers the storm and
forges ahead

To the work that is waiting before.

Notes and Comments

While at the recent Board meet-
ing, I was in company of Deacon
John M. Carmichael, of Desoto. He
is a worthy old character. He has
been secretary-treasurer of the Lib-
erty Association for 39 years, first
and last. He has one son who is a
minister, one who is a lawyer, and
one who is an optometrist. His only
daughter, a widow, stays with and
cares for her aged parents.

Walnut Baptist Church, Quitman
Co., Rev. L. S. Cole, Marks, pastor,
has a \$10,000.00 brick house newly
completed. There have been 78 ad-
ditions to the church this year, 49
of whom were by baptism. Rev. H.
H. Webb, Liberty, helped in the re-
cent revival.

Rev. J. R. G. Hewlett, Charleston,
has his program of work rather full
for next year. He has resigned at
Bruce, where he has in two years led
in the building and paying for a nice
house of worship, and will take on
Sledge instead. He also will preach
at Scobey, Wayside (where he has
recently led in the erection of a
splendid building), Enid and some
other places. He is busy and cap-
able.

Deacon D. E. Hatter, of Pass
Christian, made a touching appeal
before the Board for the Baptist
Church work at that city. This is a
new work that has fine prospects of
future development. Under the pas-
toral leadership of Rev. W. S. Allen
it is going on to greater heights of
success. We should pray and other-
wise help this needy field.

Rev. G. L. Suttle is doing a good
work at Northside Baptist Church.
This is the baby church of Jackson,
two months old. Rev. Wayne Allis-
ton recently assisted in a meeting
there in which there were a number
of additions. Deacon I. M. Pace and
wife are members there, some splen-
did workers whom I knew back at
Hazel, Newton Co., years ago.

Bro. N. T. Tull, of the Baptist Bi-

ble Institute, N. O., looked much at
home in the recent Board meeting.
He was there in the interest of the
B. B. I., which is one of our greatest
missionary assets at this time. Let
us help it to live by giving to it's
support.

Dr. R. A. Kimbrough was re-elect-
ed president of the State Convention
Board at its recent meeting for the
tenth consecutive time. His fair de-
cisions and his genial smile win their
way into every heart.

Rev. C. S. Wales is serving the
church at Slayden, Marshall Co., the
closing months of the year; still liv-
ing at Blue Mountain. It is probable
that he will locate on the field
should he serve the church next year.
He also does Bible lecture work and
distributes good books and literature.
Call for him and he will give you
good service.

CHURCH IN THRIVING CONDITION AT CRYSTAL SPRINGS

Used the Volunteer Plan of enlist-
ment for the new year, getting sat-
isfactory results. The members
were asked by letter and announce-
ments, from pulpit and press, to
come to the church on Sunday after-
noon and make their subscriptions
and receive new envelopes. Light
refreshments were served by the W.
M. S. and the Finance Committee
assisted in distributing pledge cards.
The people were coming and going
during the entire time and the re-
sults were more satisfactory than
from any other method ever used at
this place.

The Training School for the B. Y.
P. U.'s was conducted in the church
the past week, which was very suc-
cessful. Four books were taught
simultaneously and fifty-five took
the examinations at the close.

There were present at Sunday
School last Sunday morning 319 and
the number attending the B. Y. P.
U.'s Sunday evening was 113. The
W. M. S. is also doing most excel-
lent work. All of these departments
of the church are growing in num-
bers and in interest. The attend-
ance on the morning and evening
services is better than we have seen
it here. Pray for us that we may
measure up to the opportunities of
the hour.

Yours truly,

—T. W. Talkington.

A WORD FROM SCOTT COUNTY

At a meeting of the Scott County
Pastors' Conference in Morton, on
November 10, definite plans were
made for some cooperative associa-
tional work in the county. These
plans were natural outgrowths of
suggestions embodied in reports
made at the annual Associational
meeting at Lake, October 22 and 23.
Bro. W. L. Meadows, Moderator of
the Association, has led and assisted
in efforts toward building up the
Cause in Scott County for many
years.

Then recently Bro. W. C. Howard
has come to Forest; and with his
coming the Forest Baptist Church
has turned its attention more gen-
erously to the county work. We feel
encouraged with the recent begin-
ning made in some Sunday school
and Stewardship work done in

Branch Church in the western side
of the county. The work done was
in no sense remarkable, and might
have occurred in any church. What
we feel is significant is that it was
done as a project of associational
work, and that it was done by the
pastors and laymen in cooperation.

A class in Stewardship was taught
by Bro. A. A. Kitchings, pastor of
the church, this class meeting in the
afternoon. The average attendance
was twenty; and of this number ten
took the examination. In the eve-
nings the Sunday school Manual was
taught; and this teaching period was
followed by inspirational messages
from various brethren. These eve-
ning meetings had an average atten-
dance of thirty-five, and nine took
the examination. At the close of the
week's work, a deacon was ordained
and a budget was adopted by the
church for it's work for 1931. This
budget showed an increase in pas-
tor's salary and pledges to cooper-
ative program.

In this work, Bro. W. C. Howard
had the general leadership, having
the close cooperation of Bro. Kitch-
ings, the pastor, and the help of W.
L. Meadows, Ned Ingram, W. R.
Hunt, and James H. Street.

All feel that the work was con-
structive; and all rejoice in the pos-
sibilities of such work in the future,
and ask the prayers of the brethren
in our behalf.

—J. H. Street, Sec.

Scott Co. Pastors' Conference.

Miss Elder: "I'll bet you a hun-
dred that I'll never marry."

Mr. Easy: "I'll take you."

Miss Elder (rapturously): "Will
you, really? Then I won't bet, after
all."

*Healing Ministry's
Story*

A True Hospital Story

REPORT FOR NOVEMBER, 1930

Number of patients	659
Days of Service	3275
Free Days	585

Income:	
Gifts	\$ 225.15
Program	3,733.57
Operation	26,536.85

Expense:	
Operation	17,477.65
Cost of Charity	2,547.63
Improvements	328.63
New Equipment	1,611.57

	21,965.34
Paid on Debt	4,389.59

	26,354.93
Surplus	4,140.64

\$30,495.57

We Wish Everyone
A Merry Christmas

Loving Ministry

SOUTHERN BAPTIST
HOSPITAL
New Orleans, Louisiana

The Sunday School Department

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

For

Dec. 21, 1930.

Prepared by

L. D. Posey, Itta Bena, Miss.

Subject: Timothy: The Influence of Home Training.

Golden Text: And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. II Tim. 2:15.

Introduction.

The reader of these notes will do well to read all of both Paul's letters to Timothy before making a study of the lesson for this date.

From every viewpoint the lesson before us is so important that it will be hard to keep within the allotted space for this department of our paper.

In this lesson, in the persons of Paul and Timothy, we have two of the greatest characters; and in the scriptures we have the world's masterpiece viewed from every angle, whether it be history, poetry, biography, or revelation of religion. Though every word of the Bible was written by human hands, those hands were guided by the Holy Spirit, and the words were God-breathed; so, the pens of neither men nor angels can adequately portray the beauty, majesty and glory of the inerrant word of God.

So far as we know, this second letter of Paul to Timothy is the last thing this great man ever wrote. For that reason, we should prize this part of our Bible very highly.

There seems to be hardly any doubt that Timothy was saved under the preaching of Paul on his first missionary journey, and when he was only about twelve years of age. At about eighteen, he was ordained to the full work of the ministry, and was pastor of the great church in Ephesus when only about thirty years of age. His father was a Greek, though his mother and grandmother were Jewesses. He received circumcision after he was saved, that, though a Christian, he might comply with God's racial law for the Jews. Tradition says he died a martyr death. With these thoughts in mind, let us study the lesson.

I. The Effects of Prenatal Influence.

With this lesson, we come upon a line of thought we had not so long ago. Whatever science may say to the contrary, there is no mistaking the effects of pre-natal influence. Not only are Paul and Timothy examples of it, but there is hardly a family anywhere but what has one or more unquestionable evidences of it. Paul traced his own religious predilections to his ancestors, and did the same thing for Timothy. That more of it is due to the mother than to the father is true, and easily explained on natural grounds. During the pre-natal period, the mother's life is the child's life; thus her life becomes inextricably woven into the life of her unborn child, and hinders or helps through time and eter-

nity. Since the adoption of the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, we have seen the greatest downgrade ever witnessed among nations. Woman's political enfranchisement has emancipated her from the sacred ties of home and children; her promiscuous association with men other than her own blood relatives; a breaking away from the restraints of modesty which formerly characterized women until now they are outstripping their brothers in every form of crime, while the children are permitted to go unrestrained, and catch as catch can.

I admit that some times children of good parents and home life go wrong; but usually that comes from bad associates after leaving the parental roof; or, it is the outcroppings of ancestors whose sinful habits have been forgotten. A certain fine preacher in this state had a brother who was a thief. Enquiry revealed that away back in the family there were thieves of note.

With the foregoing facts before us, what can we expect of the human family by the time two or three more generations have come and gone? Many of our best and most far-seeing men fear a collapse of civilization. What shall it profit a mother if she gain every thing and lose her own child?

II. The Influence of Christian Homes.

To discuss pre-natal influence is, in a large measure, to discuss the influence of Christian homes.

Mothers have more to do with making a home Christian than fathers do. This is true from the nature of the case. Woman's duties by creation require that much of her time be spent in the home; hence, the home must be largely what she makes it. Man's duties by creation require that most of his time be spent outside the confines of the four walls where he eats and sleeps; therefore his influence is less and of less potency in giving the home a Christian atmosphere than woman's. The father spends less time with the children than the mother, and for that reason does not have so much to do with forming the right trend of life in his children as the mother.

The home is the world's first and most important institution, and was founded by God himself; and from it, primarily come the influences that make or mar for all time and eternity. Suppose every American statesman had come from a Christian home such as was that from which came the immortal William Jennings Bryan? How differently American history would read from what it does.

Christian homes are the background and bulwark of our churches. With the decline in the home in the last decade, we have had a corresponding decline in the churches. It is fearful to contemplate the end of it all.

III. The Importance of Early Training.

This division has already been discussed in the two preceding divisions; but a few things may be particularized for emphasis and admonition.

With mothers spending much of their little time at home, at card games of chance, which is plain gambling, and under the law in this state is subject to prosecution; WILL YOU GET IT: With the mothers in the homes defying the laws against gambling, can you expect their children to respect any law of man or God? With the churches tolerating such among their members, especially Sunday School teachers, W. M. U. leaders and choir members, how can they expect the blessings of God? No wonder we are bankrupt and dying with dry rot.

Then with children trained in all the niceties of every conceivable crime as taught in the picture shows, as sung from every phonograph and broadcasting station; as practiced about every mixed bathing place and dance hall, along the highways and in the hedges; how can we expect them to grow to be God-fearing, loving and honoring men and women? May God have mercy on us, is the cry of every right thinking person who is aroused to the reality of these perilous times.

Conclusion.

In conclusion, let me say that the scripture before us is clear-cut as to the verbal inspiration of the Bible, even though Texas Baptists have endorsed Dawsonism which teaches that the Bible is not verbally inspired of God.

This passage also teaches the place of the scriptures in the economy of God's grace. They reveal man to himself; they reveal God to man, and God's plan of redemption of man. It is not enough to know the scriptures and the plan of redemption, but a personal faith must be exercised in a personal Christ for personal salvation.

PELAHATCHIE

The members of The Ready Class of the Pelahatchie Baptist Sunday School and their husbands and wives met in the home of Mrs. T. D. Prestridge at seven o'clock Wednesday evening, December third. A delicious bird supper was given in honor of Mr. Cab McKay for being a one hundred per cent member for more than a year. This is a fine record and we are looking forward to more like this record in the coming year.

Talks were made by Mr. McKay, Battle and Mrs. Prestridge.

The lovely home was beautifully decorated for the occasion and Mrs. Prestridge was assisted by Mrs. Stamps, Sheely, Mashburn, Day and Cawthorn.

The president, Mr. McInnis, being absent with his wife in the hospital, Mrs. Day, first vice-president, presided over the business meeting after supper. All other officers were present and read splendid reports. A liberal offering was given to the Orphanage for Thanksgiving.

The Ready Class's aim is to train its members for Sunday School work. In the past year we have sent out several teachers and supplied substitute teachers.



Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Prestridge, Dale Stamps, Cab McKay, Otis Mashburn, N. R. Battle, Floyd Underwood, S. M. Sheely, Roy Robbins, O. L. Day, Ed Thomas and sister, Floyd Coker, J. A. Woods, Wilson Cawthorn, Mrs. Willie Johnston, Carl Davis, Blanche Tolar, Mr. Edgar Davis, Jim Stingly and Chas. Stingly.

Join The Ready Class.

Mrs. Wilson Cawthorn,
Class Reporter.

MINE INHERITANCE

The Lord is mine inheritance
None other would I take
Except the Grace of Jesus—
Salvation for my sake.

Across unnumbered centuries
The Lord hath given all;
As token of acceptance,
At His dear feet I fall.

Oh, Wondrous Gracious Father,
We give our praise to Thee
Because for our inheritance
We'll have eternity.

Forever in His presence
To love and Worship Him
To live within His kingdom
Receive our diadem.

But first we must as Levites
Serve Him on earth below
Along the tedious journey
By helping others grow.

In faith, in works, in living
In virtues and in grace
That we may earn inheritance
When Christ comes—face to face.

Then let me live more Godly
Let me live close to Thee
That others may come seeking
Inheritance from Thee.

—Eleanor Ellis, Parchman.

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WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING OF THE RECENTLY PUBLISHED HISTORY OF MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS

(Rev. J. L. Boyd, Pickens, Miss.)

1. Dr. Frank G. Lewis, Librarian, American Baptist Historical Society, Chester, Pa.: "I received on yesterday the copy of your Popular History of Baptists in Mississippi. Of course, I have not had time to examine the pages in detail, but I say frankly and at once that every page at which I have looked has given me the impression of the exceedingly great value of your treatment of the history of Baptists in Mississippi, and I feel a personal satisfaction from handling the volume in addition to what the work must mean for those who are more directly concerned with the history of Baptist life and thought in the state of Mississippi." The Historical Society with which Dr. Lewis is connected is the repository of the Crozier Theological Seminary.

2. Dr. James E. Dean, Librarian and Instructor in the Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans, La.: "I have sketched through it with a great deal of interest. I must say that I think you have made a really distinct contribution in the field of Baptist History. There are many very excellent features of your work."

3. Hon. Lewis M. Ball, Bisbee, Arizona: "I received the copy of your book, and am enclosing my check. . . I wish to say that I spent several hours going through the book and congratulate you on this valuable contribution to the literature of a great denomination."

4. Dr. G. S. Dobbins, Professor in Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.: "The copy of your history has just reached me. I have stopped in the midst of a busy day to run through the book, and I want to congratulate you on this splendid piece of work. You have rendered a great service to the Baptists of Mississippi, and set an example that ought to be followed by someone in every State of the Convention. I shall prize my copy very highly, and I am sure that I shall find frequent occasion to refer to it."

5. Mr. N. T. Tull, Business Manager, Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans: "I have read quite a number of paragraphs in the book and have taken notice of the general make-up and want to congratulate you most sincerely on the splendid way in which you have handled the subject matter. It is attractively written."

6. Prof. Alfred W. Garner, of the Department of History and Economics, A. & M. College, Miss.: "I have examined with a great deal of pleasure and interest your 'A Popular History of the Baptists in Mississippi', and I have reached the conclusion that it is a good piece of work. You are to be highly commended for the way that you have done it. It is, by far, more than simply an account of the Baptist people in their efforts to establish and disseminate their faith in an organized form in our state; but while they were doing this they were vitally connected with the political, industrial, social, and educational movements and tendencies of their

times. These things you have brought out in a manner that makes the book interesting to those who are after more than simply information of a 'sectarian' character. I am going to see the College librarian here about getting as many copies as he will for the use of our boys. I am going to show my copy to some of my friends and neighbors here, and insist upon them to purchase it. . . . All these should get your book by all means." (The above testimonial is the more interesting and valuable in view of the fact that Prof. Garner is not a Baptist).

7. Many others have written, too many to name here, a few of whom express themselves, thus:—"I have read the book, most of it, and find it a fascinating story. My wife said she was going to write you that I hadn't done a thing since getting it but read. I really think you have come about as near to the ideal of a Popular History as would be reasonable to hope for" . . . "I find this book very interesting, and appreciate it very highly" . . . "I am very much pleased with it. And am sure that I shall be more pleased when I have given it a thorough reading. You have done a fine piece of work for the denomination" . . . "I congratulate you on such a fine and finished piece of work, the only thing of its kind, and I know nothing outside of my Bible that I would enjoy reading and studying" . . . "The arrangement promises a real thrill and much information in the very near future. Congratulations and thanks, too, for this noble and needed piece of work" . . . "It is one of the most interesting denominational books I have ever seen, and I know when I finish reading it, I will know more of the Baptists than I have ever known before. You are to be congratulated upon such a splendid work" . . . "So far as I have gone I am delighted, and I think every Baptist family should have a copy in the home" . . . "I certainly appreciate it, and don't know of any other book that I had rather have, aside from my Bible."

A CHURCH FINDS ITSELF (C. E. Hood)

During a revival meeting at the Quitman Baptist Church which was held during the early part of October, Reverend Harmon Holcomb, at the request of the pastor, Dr. B. C. Land, preached a sermon on "Store-house Tithing". At the conclusion of the services on that occasion, the church enthusiastically voted to adopt this as the financial plan for the Quitman Baptist Church. Thinking that it might be of interest to other churches who are having financial worries, I am giving the results that we have had thus far.

We have had eight Sundays since the plan was adopted, the last two Sundays of October, the five Sundays in November, and the first Sunday of December. The offering to the church for these eight Sundays has amounted to \$1,567.00. Last year for the corresponding eight Sundays the offering amounted to \$778.00. Thus, it is seen that our church has gained over 100 per cent in the offering. This in the face of "hard times". Furthermore, a large industrial enterprise in the town of

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How the women of Loo Choo, China, bear their burdens.

Quitman has recently taken off the entire night shift of men and has had to cut wages twice, once since our church adopted the plan. In spite of all financial obstacles which we have had to face, the offerings for the month of November, 1930, amounted to \$915.00. In November, 1929, the offerings amounted to \$322.44. For fear that some one might think the collections will dwindle when the novelty wears off it might be well to say that last Sunday's offering was larger than for any Sunday since the plan was adopted, the offering amounting to \$260.00. More members each week are falling into line and are bringing "the whole tithe into the store-house".

A comprehensive educational program was projected at the very beginning. The members of the church were apprised of the fact that they would be expected to bring the tithe into the church because the tithe belongs to God. Even after the church voted unanimously to adopt the plan the educational work was not stopped. Two Wednesday evening services were given over to an explanation of the store-house tithing plan. The W. M. U. members discussed it at their meetings and whole-heartedly joined in the movement. A lesson was prepared especially for the Sunday School and was taught in all the classes. The B. Y. P. U. presented a playlet on tithing. In fact, all the departments of the church have joined heartily in carrying out the program. The expenses of all these departments are cared for through the church.

It now seems that the financial

problem of the Quitman Baptist Church has been solved. We have a modern church building. True, there is a debt on the church but the obligations are being met easily. We have money to pay our pastor a fair salary, to take care of the other expenses, and to make a larger contribution to the unified program. In fact, everything is running smoothly financially.

When we mention the financial success of the store-house tithing plan we haven't told one-half the benefits that accrue. Members of our church say that they find great joy in the consciousness of having done their duty. The church is increasing in spirituality. Our people have found, like Christians always find, that they can only be happy as they are willing to obey the will of God in all things.

Jones was at a dinner party. He was shy and nervous, and could never summon up courage to speak because of his inability to say anything neat. All the evening he had been trying to think of something nice to say to his hostess. At last he thought he saw his chance.

"What a small appetite you have, Mr. Jones," said his charming hostess with a smile.

"To sit next to you," he replied gallantly, "would cause any man to lose his appetite."

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Mrs. P. I. Lipsey

Bible Study No. 25: December 18th
Moses in the New Testament. Matt.
17:1-3; John 3:14; Acts 7:20-44.

Read these Scriptures carefully, and
write me the stories you find in
them.

Things Not Given in These Scriptures

In Hebrews 3:1-5, Moses and our
Lord Jesus are both spoken of, and
both are said to be "faithful." But
it is also said (vs. 5 and 6) that
Moses was faithful in all his house
as a servant, while Christ was faith-
ful in his house as a Son. We can
all see this difference, between serv-
ant and Son.

In the short book of one chapter,
Jude, in the 9th verse, is a strange
statement. "Michael the archangel,
when contending with the devil
about the body of Moses, durst not
bring against him availing judg-
ment, but said, 'The Lord rebuke
thee.' I do not understand this, and
cannot explain it.

In the last book of the Bible, Reve-
lation, chapter 15:3, a song that is
sung in Heaven is given, and it is
called "the song of Moses the serv-
ant of God, and the song of the
Lamb." Read this: it is very short,
and beautiful.

My dear children:

This week, we finish the course
of lessons on The Life of Moses, that
we have been studying for almost
six months. I hope that many of
you have read it, and been interested
in it. For the first six months of
1931, I have decided that as we have
been studying lately in the Old Test-
ament, we will take some studies in
the New Testament, and have select-
ed the Miracles of our Lord Jesus.
If you are so young that you do not
know what these are, Mother or
Daddy or big sister will tell you
something about these wonderful
things that Jesus did, healing people
of illness, making the blind see and
the lame walk, even bringing back
the dead to life. We cannot take all
of these true stories, but I am mak-
ing a list of twenty-five, and on
January 1st, 1931, we will take the
first of these, and one each week
thereafter. Now listen, children,
each week I will give the chapter
and verses of our lesson and want
you to read the lesson, or get some-
one to read it to you. Each week I
will tell in my own words, the story
of the lesson, and when you have
read the Scripture and my story, I
want you to write me a letter and
tell me the things you learn from it.
Sometimes there will be one thing to
learn, sometimes two, sometimes
three, but whatever it is that the
story teaches you, write it down, and
send to me, and, if there are not too
many, I will put it on our Page. I
still have a good many of our for-
eign stamps, and will send some to
the one who sends the best letter. I
hope many of you will write.

A Merry Christmas and Happy
New Year to every one of you, from
your loving friend,

Mrs. Lipsey.

Bible Studies from Jan. 1st thro'
June 25th, 1931

Some Miracles of our Lord

1. Jan. 1st—Healing of the No-
bleman's son. John 4:46-54.
2. Jan. 8th—The First Draught
of Fishes. Luke 5:1-11.
3. Jan. 15th—Quieting the storm.
Matt. 8:23-27.
4. Jan. 22nd—The Demoniacs of
Gadara. Matt. 8:28-34.
5. Jan. 29th—The raising of Jar-
ius' daughter. Luke 41:42, 49, 56.
6. Feb. 5th—Healing a Paralytic.
Matt. 9:1-8.
7. Feb. 12th—Giving sight to the
Blind. Matt. 9:27-31.
8. Feb. 19th—Cleansing a Leper.
Luke 5:12-16.

9. Feb. 26th—The Centurion's
Servant. Luke 8:1-10.

10. March 5th—The sick man at
Bethesda. John 5:1-16.

11. March 12th—Feeding the five
thousand. Matt. 14:15-21.

12. March 19th—Walking on the
Sea. Mark 6:45-52.

13. March 26th—Restoring the
withered hand. Luke 6:6-11.

14. April 2nd—The woman with
a spirit of infirmity. Luke 13:10-17.

15. April 9th—The Syro-Phoeni-
cian woman's daughter. Matt. 15:
21-28.

16. April 16th—The blind man at
Bethsaida. Mark 8:22-26.

17. April 23rd—The man with
dropsy. Luke 14:1-6.

18. April 30th—The ten lepers.
Luke 17:11-19.

19. May 7th—Healing on deaf
and dumb. Mark 7:31-37.

20. May 14th—The afflicted
child. Mark 9:14-29.

21. May 21st—The money in the
fish's mouth. Matt. 17:24-27.

22. May 28th—The raising of
Lazarus. John 11:1-45.

23. June 4th—Two blind men
near Jerico. Luke 18:3-43.

24. June 11th—The barren fig-
tree. Mark 11:12-14, 20-24.

25. June 18th—The healing of
Malchus' Ear. Luke 22:49-51.

26. June 25th—The second
draught of Fishes. John 21:1-23.

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Characteristics of Moses

Moses was a great prophet who
had seen God. Moses was unselfish
in all of his works. He put God and
his people first always and was
patient and endured many hardships.
Moses trusted God and prayed to
him when he was in trouble. He had
a splendid mind which enabled him
to do things no other man has ever
done. Moses had great power as a
prophet. He would not leave his
people of Israel in Egypt to the
mercies of the cruel king.

Elizabeth Jane Latimer.
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Indianola, Dec. 9, 1930.

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Sincerely Ethel Pittman, Ldr.
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man, is growing lately, I am glad to
say. Nine days ago, I sent Bro. Mil-
ler at the Orphanage a check for
\$20.00 from us. Tell the Indianola
Sunbeams howdy and thank you for
me. We are obliged to them and
their leader.

—BR—

THE "LAW"

By Rev. J. Y. Butler

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Often something is said about the
law. Well, what of the law? Let
Paul speak. Galatians 3:24, Paul
says, "Wherefore the law is our
schoolmaster, to bring us unto
Christ, that we might be justified
by faith (not by the law)". This
verse is part of Paul's answer to the
question: Is the law then against
the promises of God? He at once
replies: "God forbid; for if there
had been a law given which could
have given life, verily righteousness
should have been by the law". This
giving of life was just what the
Mosaic law could not do, it wrought
death instead, it "locked all up under
sin", as we are told in verses 22
and 23.

The idea in the text is that of a
child held "in ward" during his mi-
nority, and undergoing a prepara-
tory training and discipline to fit
him for manhood. Schoolmaster
does not fairly represent the Greek
word used by Paul. The word is
paidagogos, who was a superior
servant with the special business of
overlooking the moral training and
discipline of the child under his
charge.

And this was the special function
of the law, "Our paidagogos to bring
us to Christ".

In what way did the law accom-
plish its end of training and leading
men to Christ that they "might be
justified by faith"?

First, the symbolical ritual of the
law was part of its moral discipline
"unto Christ". It was a divine pic-
ture-book, daily exhibited to the peo-
ple of Israel, by which God was
teaching them great spiritual truths.
And just as a Jew grew out of spir-
itual childhood, he would discover
that these material symbols, though
worthless in themselves, pointed for-
ward to some greater revelation of
God yet to come.

Thus the "law would be his paid-
agogos to bring him to Christ".

Those who in the present day seek
to introduce the ritual of Judaism
into the church are going back to

the picture-books of childhood, and
thereby confessing themselves not
"men in Christ, but Christian babies
still".

Second, the moral effects of the
law were a great part of its prep-
aration for Christ. It revealed sin.

The two words on our lips "Thou
shalt" or "Thou shalt not" made the
conscience realize its sin.

The law revealing and intensify-
ing sin was powerless to show any
way of escape, and led the sinner to
long for a coming deliverer. To
preach the law is often a real preach-
ing of Christ.

Third, The spiritual insufficiency
of the law was its final preparation
of the soul for Christ.

Whilst it condemned the con-
science, it starved the heart. It
gave him a rule to obey, but no
Father to love, and so, by revealing
to man his deepest need, which it
could not satisfy, it became his
"paidagogos to bring him to Christ".

Modern unbelief would fain rob
us of this adoption of the sinner
into the heart of the Fatherhood of
God through Jesus Christ, and un-
der the name of science attempts
to satisfy the human heart and con-
science with law itself without a
God and Father behind all.

The fatal alliance of superstition
and unbelief is at last again com-
plete, an alliance whose end is to
erase from the tablets of the human
soul the imperishable words, "even
so we, when we were children, were
in bondage under the elements of the
world; but when the fulness of the
time was come, God sent forth His
Son, made of a woman, made under
the law, to redeem them that were
under the law, that we might receive
the adoption of sons".

Jackson, Tennessee.

—BR—

First Little Girl: "Your papa and
mamma are not real parents. They
adopted you."

Second Little Girl: "Well, that
makes it all the more satisfactory.
My parents picked me out, and yours
had to take you just as you came."

—BR—

Witty Woman: "And what are you
engaged in?"

Clergyman: "Trying to save young
men."

W. W.: "O, indeed! Please save
me one!"—Contributed by W. C.
Harris, Jr., of Jackson.

YOUNGER MINISTERS SHOULD CONSIDER

Many preachers who are growing in knowledge, power, and popularity do not
thoughtfully consider the importance of providing an income for the days of phys-
ical, mental, and financial decline. They are ascending the heights of usefulness,
popularity, and prosperity and they do not see what is beyond the summit. They
properly give most of their thought to their forward progress and their upward
climb.

Most of them who prepare against old age, or disability, or death do it by means
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Lamar County Associational B. Y. P. U. Changes Policy

The Lamar County Associational B. Y. P. U. changes its policies regarding their meetings. For some years they have had a joint meeting of S. S. and B. Y. P. U. meeting quarterly with the S. S. having the morning and the B. Y. P. U. having the afternoon for their program. In their meeting in October it was decided by the B. Y. P. U. organization to change from an all day meeting to an afternoon meeting, making it possible for full time pastors and churches to cooperate in the work. The first meeting was held the first Sunday afternoon in November where new officers were elected and future policies agreed upon. Mr. J. T. Johnson of Purvis, was elected president and it was decided to have a meeting every other month the first Sunday afternoon. They however, planned for their next program to be the afternoon of the first Sunday in December, after which it would be every other month. It was hoped that the Sunday School organization would adopt a similar plan which would give the association a monthly meeting, one month the B. Y. P. U. and the next month the Sunday school. We believe the Lamar County Associational B. Y. P. U. has made a progressive step in this new plan and we congratulate them.

Pilgrims Rest, Copiah Co., Elects Director and Organizes Adult, Senior, Intermediate, and Junior Unions

We are happy to report the progress of Pilgrim's Rest church in Copiah Co. We have a letter from their newly elected Director, Mrs. Cecil Thurman, telling of their work. They have decided to be second to none in their B. Y. P. U. work and with their General Organization, with four splendid Unions, Adult, Senior, Intermediate and Junior, they will not have to take second place when all these marching toward the 100% grade of efficiency move forward. May their tribe increase.

First Corinth Intermediates Receive B. R. Certificates

Mrs. H. B. Waller, the Intermediate B. Y. P. U. Leader of First Church Corinth, reports three of her Intermediates ready for their Bible Readers Certificate; having kept up their readings for a year. They are, Elizabeth Waller, Martha Lee Ridings and Anna Mae Thompson. That is fine young, you are setting good examples for hundreds of others that should be doing their Daily Bible Readings. We hope that your example will prove an incentive to these others.

Greenville Keeps Step With Progress
Director Denman reports six splendid B. Y. P. U.'s for his church, Greenville, with the following leaders: Adult, J. Earl Dennis; Senior, Miss Gladys McElwee; Intermedi-

ates, Jr., Mrs. B. C. Penn; Intermediates, Sr., Mrs. J. H. Cashin; Junior No. 1, Mrs. Garenflo and Miss Georgia Mae Baker; Junior No. 2, Miss Kelton Montgomery and Miss Ottie Durrrough. A letter from Mr. Dennis, president of the Adult Union, says that they have reached the standard of excellence and have gotten some red and blue seals to mark the points off on their wall size standard that hangs in their room. Congratulations, Greenville! We are listening for some more good reports like this one.

Bethsadia, Neshoba County, Takes Third Banner

The Neshoba county Associational B. Y. P. U. has an annual B. Y. P. U. Study Course. This year the third of these was conducted. In 1928 the Bethsadia church, ten miles away, had only one B. Y. P. U. a Senior, they had 38 members and were 100% in taking the course, all 38 being there and taking the examination of Friday night. They got the banner. Last year they took the banner again and this year, now having several Unions, their Intermediate Union took the banner. This splendid church has three unions, Senior, Intermediate and recently the Junior Union was organized, they plan soon to organize the Adult Union. Rooms are being added to their church building which will take care of the need for meeting place for the different Unions. Mr. Tavern Winstead is Jr. Leader, Miss Bettie Etrum, Intermediate Leader, and Mrs. W. H. Skinner to whom we are indebted for this splendid report, is Corresponding Secretary for the Senior Union and reporter for the B. Y. P. U. Department. And thus our rural work goes forward.

Brookhaven Leads in B. Y. P. U. Attendance

Under the splendid leadership of pastor Crittendon and Director Morris Day the B. Y. P. U.'s of the Brookhaven church march to first place in B. Y. P. U. attendance having had recently at their regular meeting 319. Now we may have our hand called on this statement that they LEAD, and if so PLEASE CALL IT, for we shall be happy to have some other church tell us that they have a larger attendance than that. The Brookhaven church has added another Union, an Adult, made up of the younger adults of the church. This Union is called Senior No. 2. Mr. Day, in writing, says that the enrollment of this new Union climbs week by week. Their emphasis for the B. Y. P. U. Department will be on efficiency for awhile now believing that every member should strive to be an efficient member.

Announcing New Senior Study Course Book

We are happy to announce a new Senior B. Y. P. U., "Investments in Christian Living." This book fills a long felt need in our study course

and we are bespeaking for it a wide circulation. The book presents a slightly different approach to the study of the stewardship of life, and as Mr. Lambdin tells us, fits into the theme of our Calendar of Activities for 1931. Order it from the Baptist Book Store, Jackson, Miss.

Make 1930 Your Double Gift Christmas

This is the slogan of our Baptist Book Store and the thought is if you give a good book, one that will build up the spiritual life of the person who reads it, you have made a double gift, for you have given to the Lord as well as to your friend. A Bible or some other good book is always an acceptable gift.

The Executive Committee of the Holmes County Associational B. Y. P. U. met at the Durant Baptist Church Sunday afternoon.

There were members from the following churches: Lexington, Pleasant Ridge, Pickens, Mount Pleasant and Durant.

There was much enthusiasm shown by all the members present. All the members took an interesting part in the discussion and in making suggestions.

The following subjects were opened for discussion:

That the constitution be presented to Goodman as a proposed constitution.

A committee was appointed by the president to study out plans as to whether or not the Associational B. Y. P. U. would have a paper published.

A county-wide Study Course was discussed but no definite time set, also an all day program to be given in April.

(Miss) Mable Tate,
Secretary and Treasurer.

In September the Senior B. Y. P. U. from the Laurel Church rendered a splendid program at Centerville Church. This program, though of

interest and value to all, was especially directed toward the young people of the church to see what could be done in the way of organizing a union at Centerville. Great results followed. Everyone became enthusiastic, and the following Sunday, through the leadership of the County B. Y. P. U. Leader, Mr. Horace Headrick, two splendid unions were organized, a Junior and Senior. The Senior union was divided into three groups of eight members each, and since its beginning this union has been doing excellent work. Many blessings have accrued from having the union in our church, as it is reaching people that neither the regular church service, Sunday School nor the prayer service was able to do.

We have had one quarterly social, and much enthusiasm was aroused.

In the future we hope to make our union one of the very best in the South.

—(Miss) Lillian Flynt.

A WORD OF PRAISE FOR THE BAPTIST RECORD

There cannot be too much said in praise for The Baptist Record. I would that all church members could subscribe to and read this valuable paper. If they were not Christians they soon would be.

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HOW THEY WERE LED

(Jennie N. Standifer)

For many years Mrs. Carlton, a widow who taught stenography in the schools of the Florida town in which she lived, had been a member of the First Baptist Church of the place. She taught in the Sunday school, was a member of the Missionary society, and leader of a Sunbeam Band. When strangers came to church she gave them the most cordial welcome. One Sunday morning a handsomely dressed middle-aged woman and a young girl attended the morning preaching service. When she greeted them, Mrs. Carlton learned that they were Mrs. Burkhardt, and her niece, Miss Mary Myers, who were members of a Jewish family, who had recently moved to the town. They were cordially invited to attend all services of the church.

Both of these women belonged to the literary club, of which Mrs. Carlton was a member, and they soon became friends. They were women of culture and refinement. One day at the club meeting, Mrs. Burkhardt asked:

"Could you give me private lessons in stenography?"

"Certainly; glad to have you for a pupil," was the reply.

"Could you come to my house about nine o'clock every morning?" asked the Jewess. "I will gladly pay extra tuition."

"Certainly, friend. I will be over in the morning to see you about what you will need as a beginner."

Mrs. Carlton was disappointed to find Mrs. Burkhardt a seemingly indifferent pupil, but the lessons continued for a week. One morning her pupil came to meet her with a book in her hand, and asked:

"May I talk with you on a very important subject?"

"Certainly."

"I want you to tell me about the Christian religion. I have faith in you, you lead a consistent life, you are a constant reader of this Book," she held up a Bible which contained both the Old and New Testaments. "I want you to explain some things I do not understand."

"Gladly will I explain all that I can."

Mrs. Carlton read the prophecies of the coming of Christ from passages in the Old Testament, and then of their fulfillment in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The woman seemed eager to learn of the plan of salvation, but hesitated about making a decision. She asked for prayer, and at the close promised to give the New Testament thorough study.

The following day Mary Myers was with her aunt, and seemed an earnest seeker of salvation. And one morning the two met Mrs. Carlton with the joyful news that they had accepted Christ as their Savior, but they would not yet unite with the church, on account of the opposition of relatives.

Of course the lessons in stenography were dropped, as they had only been a means of bringing the teacher of God's Word into the home. During the summer following, Mrs. Burkhardt was out of town, and soon after her return in the Autumn, the family moved to Mobile.

Mrs. Carlton saw nothing of any member of the family for two years, but she learned of Mrs. Burkhardt's splendid works of charity, and her aid to weak churches all over the city to which she had moved. Mary Myers had married a Protestant, and united with the church to which her husband belonged. She was doing splendid Christian work.

Another year passed. One day Mrs. Carlton answered a ring of the doorbell to find her friend, Mrs. Burkhardt, clad in deep mourning. After a greeting the caller asked:

"Have you heard of the death of my parents?"

"No, friend. I am so sorry to hear it. When did they die?"

Last month—within a few days of each other. But I had the joy of leading them to become Christians. They had bitterly opposed me uniting with a church. I taught them God's Word, as you taught me, and they were converted."

"I rejoice with you, friend."

"And—my husband and I united with the church the Sunday following the death of my parents. Bless you for leading us, dear."

And the good work of this woman is still going on.

—BR—

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

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Dear Bro. Pastor:

The fourth annual session of the Southern Baptist S. S. Conference as promoted by the Sunday School Board will be held in Jackson, Miss., Jan. 13th to 16th inclusive.

Able, spiritual, experienced speakers and conference leaders will be there to give us much needed inspiration, methods and material for the reviving and visualizing of our Sunday schools in Chickasaw.

I hope you will make an earnest effort to attend this conference and take with you some departmental superintendents, teachers and officers. Take the matter up with your superintendent and seek his cooperation in presenting it to the church—maybe the church will make possible a large number going by bearing all or a part of transportation expenses. Certainly it will be money well invested and returned to your church through increased interest, attendance and offerings.

The railroads are offering reduced rates on presentation of identification tickets. The round trip ticket from Tupelo is \$10.61, and from other stations proportionately. Maybe you could organize a motorcade with even less expense. The hotels are offering rooms for \$1.00 per day and up.

Please present this to your church and advise me not later than January 1st how many identification tickets you desire and how many will go from your church. Write E. D. Kenna, Merchant's Bank, Jackson, Miss., for reservations in hotels or homes. Attendance goal for Miss. has been set at 1500. Let's make it!

"Journey to Jackson in January."

Yours for greater Sunday schools in Chickasaw,

—Lawrence C. Riley,
Assn. Trans. Director.

In Memoriam

I. N. ELLIS

Mr. I. N. Ellis, most beloved citizen of Hazlehurst, died Sunday morning, November 30, 1930, at 6:20 o'clock. Mr. Ellis had been in failing health for about two years.

Mr. Ellis, who had enjoyed almost perfect health throughout his life, suffered an attack of influenza. Since the attack, which affected his heart, he had been confined to his room much of the time. He had just returned from an extended stay at the Baptist Hospital in New Orleans, and returned apparently much improved. But shortly after his return, he was stricken with pneumonia. Specialists were summoned from the city, and Saturday morning he seemed again much improved, although very weak. After the noon hour he suffered a sinking spell, and the end came about dawn Sunday morning.

Mr. I. N. Ellis was born January 15, 1849, near what is now the Perks voting precinct, on the place occupied by his nephew, Mr. Jay Holliday, and was the son of Lott Warren Ellis and Anna Roberts, who moved to Copiah county about the year 1823, and were among the first settlers of this section.

Mr. Ellis reached the age to permit service in the Confederate army toward the close of the war, and enlisted in the army that conducted that heroic struggle.

It was in the year 1866 that Mr. Ellis, then a young man of seventeen years, moved to Hazlehurst, and spent all the remainder of his life as a useful and helpful citizen of this community. He clerked for a time, and then attended Cumberland University at Lebanon, Tenn.

In 1871 Mr. Ellis was elected Chancery Clerk of Copiah county, and served four years. He was the Chancery Clerk when the county site was moved from Gallatin to Hazlehurst. After his term of office as Clerk, Mr. Ellis engaged in the mercantile business, opening the business in the year 1876. In 1882, Mr. Ellis, in association with another great Copiahian, Major R. W. Millsaps, founded the Merchants & Planters Bank at Hazlehurst, now the oldest bank without change in the state of Mississippi, since the Columbus bank that has held this distinction was recently incorporated with another bank, although bearing its old name.

Mr. I. N. Ellis was one of the charter members of the Hazlehurst Baptist church. There are, if we mistake not, but two other surviving charter members, Mrs. I. N. Ellis and Mrs. Blanche Burnley. The church was organized in 1870, and hence has been in existence 60 years. Mr. Ellis was elected the first church treasurer, and occupied this position at the time of his death, a place he filled faithfully for sixty long years.

On December 5, 1872, Mr. Ellis was married to Miss Georgia Stapleton. The ceremony, if we mistake not, was celebrated in the home now occupied by Mr. George Covington, which was the first

Stapleton home, and afterwards the Burnley home, until bought and remodelled by Mr. Covington. From 1872 until now covers a period of fifty-eight years, and these years have been fifty-eight years of an ideal and happy union.

Mr. Ellis had a large part in the building of three Baptist churches in Hazlehurst. The first church stood where the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Broome now stands; the second church still stands just across the railroad bridge on Estelle street; and the present commodious and beautiful building, to which Mr. Ellis contributed largely in money and also in time and thought.

Funeral services were held Monday morning in the church Mr. Ellis loved so well, conducted by the pastor, Rev. George P. White, Dr. P. I. Lipsey, Rev. Del Long-gear, Rev. J. M. Williams and Dr. B. D. Gray, a life-long friend.

Honorary pall bearers were: H. J. Wilson, D. M. Miller, J. Q. Martin, R. E. Ainsworth, Dr. J. M. Catching, John S. Decell, John B. Mayes, W. B. Alford, J. F. Guynes, T. M. Farrar, J. H. Long, Joseph H. Morris, Robert E. Rea, W. B. McCluney, J. G. Ainsworth.

Active pall bearers were: C. B. Rea, W. S. Henley, H. S. Fugate, E. W. Taylor, S. C. Caldwell, E. M. Lambert, C. H. Fugate, L. A. Kemp, Charles D. Wilson, T. O. Kearney, George Marchetti, Gilis Cato, R. L. Stegall, Dr. E. E. Burks, J. M. Bass, Jr.

Dr. B. D. Gray made the principal address. It was touchingly simple, and evidently came from a heart overflowing. It was forty-two years ago that Dr. Gray, then a young preacher, became pastor of the Hazlehurst church. He served as Mr. Ellis' pastor for five and one-half years, and the two became devoted friends, a friendship that never wavered. Dr. Gray said the home of Mr. Ellis was always open to him and his, and was often used. He spoke of Mr. Ellis as a husband and father, as a church man and as a citizen. He was first attracted to Mr. Ellis when he came to Hazlehurst as pastor when he found Mr. Ellis serving as secretary and treasurer of the Sunday School, a work he never slighted. He spoke of his fidelity to his church, his regularity in attendance, and his consecrated generosity.

He next spoke of Mr. Ellis as a citizen. When he came to Hazlehurst, the town had the strongest bar in the state; yet in party conventions or in community gatherings, Mr. Ellis was invariably made chairman of the resolutions committee. For years he served as President of the school Board of Trustees, and was so serving when the first brick school building was erected. He served as alderman of the town for a number of years, and without pay. Whatever work he undertook, he gave it the full measure of his ability. He slighted no duty, neglected no obligation.

His home life was serene, thoughtful and helpful, and beautiful beyond words to tell.

Pastor White, in his closing words, said he could heartily endorse every word spoken by Dr. Gray. He said he visited Mr. Ellis

often during his illness, and almost invariably the first question would be: "How is the church work getting along?" He retained his keen interest in his church until the very last.

Mr. Ellis is survived by the following children, in addition to his wife: Mrs. G. W. Covington, Mrs. R. L. Covington, Mr. Fred Ellis, Mr. H. R. Ellis, Mr. Newton Ellis, Mrs. Walter Allen, Mrs. J. A. Lewellyn, Miss Nell Ellis and Mr. Frank Ellis.

Banked with a rich profusion of flowers, the body of this great citizen and churchman was laid to rest in Hazlehurst cemetery by the side of two loved children who had preceded him in death.

When Dr. Jeter, the great Baptist preacher died in Atlanta, Henry W. Grady wrote: "A great heart is stilled; a great life is ended." Church Clerk C. B. Rea closed his minutes Sunday morning with these notable words as a tribute to Mr. Ellis. We know of no better way to close this imperfect sketch than by saying "a great heart is stilled." But we do not believe the life is ended. We believe it will exert an influence for good in this county for generations to come.—Hazlehurst Courier.

—BR—

OUR NEW HISTORY

I am not a literary critic, nor do I know the nine points in the science of writing history, but I want to tell the brethren how reading the Popular History of Baptists in Mississippi has affected me. I found it a fascinating story. I did not want to quit till I read it through. I saw the onward march of the Baptist parts from Fort Rosalee down to the present year. The political, social and financial setting so graphically presented helped me to understand Baptist problems and progress in a most satisfactory way.

The book certainly measures up to the name, "Popular History" for it is readable by the common run of folks. Yet about everything that I could wish to know about affairs of Baptists, I find therein recalled.

I almost caught my breath sometimes at the frankness with which unpleasant facts are told. Then, I thought, if those things had not been told, it would be a failure as a history of Mississippi Baptists. The biographical sketches add greatly to the charm of the story, they give a human interest of the most delightful flavor. Then the mechanism of the book is most satisfactory, the attractive binding and good paper, and large type, make it pleasing to the eye. Surely Bro. Boyd has won for himself, by this fine piece of work, a place among the immortals and put this generation of Baptists under great obligations to him. And the work is a treasure of information to future generations.

All our Baptist folks ought to read this history. To know more of the battles our forefathers fought and difficulties they overcame would make us love them more, and create in us a desire to carry the standard to higher heights. Let's buy and read this history and move on to be better Christians and Baptists.

Yours in the fellowship of the saints,

—J. P. Williams.



Transportation Organization

For Fourth Southern Baptist Sunday School Conference, Jackson, Miss., January 13-16, 1931—Wm. P. Phillips, Director

ATTENDANCE GOAL 4,500

Because of the central location and due to the fact that such meeting has not been held for two years, those charged with the promotion of plans for the Fourth Southern Baptist Sunday School Conference, Jackson, Mississippi, January 13-16th, are encouraged to hope for an attendance from the eighteen states comprising the Southern Baptist Convention exceeding that of all former meetings. Therefore, the attendance Goal has been set at 4,500 from outside the city of Jackson. In order to provide a reasonable assurance of reaching this goal, attendance quotas have been suggested for each state as indicated below and accepted by the director of Sunday school work in each instance. For the purpose of providing a united effort in reaching the suggested goal of attendance at Jackson, a transportation organization including the Sunday school leader of each state as director of transportation in each instance has been effected. The purpose of this organization is to provide proper contact with the necessary transportation companies interested in moving passenger traffic to this meeting; supply them with information as to the movement of those who plan to attend which will enable them to anticipate effectively the necessary provision of adequate equipment; also supply information as to rates and schedules from all points in the territory served to Jackson, Mississippi. Likewise such organization is essential to the proper distribution of railroad identification certificates necessary to securing reduced railroad fare and the distribution of the program for this meeting.

The organization is outlined along the following lines: (1) The State Sunday school secretary to act as state transportation director. (2) The state divided in an agreed number of districts by associations. (3) A transportation leader for each association in his district. (4) Personnel of the complete organization as outlined for each state to be furnished William P. Phillips, Southwide director of transportation, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee, who will supply interested railroads with copies of same. (5) Passenger traffic officials of railroads will provide state transportation director in each state with rate sheets for distribution to district and association leaders, showing round trip railroad and Pullman fares, etc., from all important points

to Jackson. (7) State transportation director supplied with Railroad Identification Certificates for apportionment among district transportation leaders, who will supply them to associational leaders for effective distribution to all churches. In like manner through these leaders programs for the Fourth Southern Baptist Sunday School Conference may be properly distributed. (8) Representatives of passenger traffic departments of interested railroads will communicate directly with state, district and associational transportation leaders as indicated, supplying them with train schedules, advice as to most desirable routes, and provision for special trains or Pullmans where desirable and necessary. (9) At least two weeks prior to the meeting of the conference at Jackson each state transportation director will gather through his district and associational leaders the number and names of those who plan to go to Jackson. This information to be transmitted to interested railroads for their use. (10) At general conference headquarters at Jackson there will be maintained a transportation headquarters by our local conference organization which will be in charge of Mr. Walter Byrns, local transportation chairman, where routes, schedules, reservations and validations may be secured and any other information our visiting delegates may desire. It is our confident hope that at least 1,500 will go to Jackson by rail, in addition to the large number going by auto or motor bus. Cooperation with the transportation lines as outlined not only insures a larger attendance but enables these lines to provide the highest type of equipment and service. Travel by rail for safety, comfort and assured service.

—BR—

AN ORPHAN CONFINED TO BED

To the People in General and Baptists in Particular:

John Lee, age 17, one of our orphans, will be confined to his bed for many months and perhaps for the remainder of his life with a very serious heart disease.

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Your help is anxiously awaited.

Faithfully John's physician,
—Harvey F. Garrison, M.D.
Jackson, Miss.

REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 6TH, 1930

Assignments met	186
Leaders' Reports	26
Individual Reports	122
Workers at Assignments	143
People at services	999
Addresses or sermons made	86
People dealt with personally	121
Professing conversion	45
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STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE B. S. U. PLANS CHRISTMAS TREE

One of the most interesting things that the B. S. U. at State Teachers College is planning to do is that of having a Christmas Tree for the benefit of the poor and needy people of Hattiesburg. The plan is for each member of the several B. Y. P. U.'s to bring ten or fifteen cents' worth of food, including such things as flour, meal, sugar, canned goods of all kinds, etc., to be distributed among the unfortunate people during the Christmas Holidays. This is a duty and privilege for those in better circumstances to lend a helping hand in relieving the conditions prevalent among the less fortunate people. These contributions are to be brought to B. Y. P. U. General Assembly, where a Christmas Tree will have been set up and each contributor is asked to put his or her contribution on the tree. They will then be taken care of by Mr Pennybaker, our Student Secretary, who will be in charge of the distribution of the goods. This is felt to be an excellent way of securing food for these poor, unfortunate people, and it is expected that a very nice response will be given by the students.

Lucille Sikes,
B. S. U. Reporter.

ANOTHER LIVE-WIRE B. S. U. IN OUR STATE

Cleveland, Miss., Dec. 8, 1930. The Delta State B. S. U. has not made itself known on the campus thus far during the 1930-31 session due to the fact that it had not gained official recognition. Miss Ethel F. McConnell, the Southwide B. S. U. Secretary, spent four days on the campus. The B. S. U. had received due recognition just previous to Miss McConnell's visit here. Her presence immediately aroused more enthusiasm among the students and members of the council. The Delta State B. S. U. Council is composed of:

President Cora Bobo
First Vice-President.....Bessie Pearson
Second Vice-President.....Alois Pittman
Third Vice-President.....Lois Wright
Secretary Martha Jones
Treasurer Alice Dean Causey
Pianist Erna Dudley
Chorister Louise Tillery
Reporter Dolfis Hardin

Miss McConnell led the discussion for the joint meeting of Boys-Girls' College Discussion Classes on Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. At 3:00 Sunday afternoon she and Owen Cooper, former B. S. U. State President, and now president of the B. S. U. Alumnae Association, met with a group to make posters and to work on publicity. On Sunday evening she talked at B. Y. P. U. on "Bones and Ticks"—backbone, wish-bones, and jawbones, and the minutes of the day. On Monday she led Y. W. C. A. prayer service, spoke in Assembly at 9:45, had conferences with

Guy Hathorn, State Teachers,
Treas.

Sybil Brame, Blue Mt., Sec.

students during the day, and met a group of students to discuss plans for a social. More conferences followed Tuesday and then she left at 12:45 noon en route to her home for the Thanksgiving Holidays.

Everyone who heard her talks and who was associated with her disliked very much to see her leave. We look forward to having her with us again next year. The Delta State B. S. U. is indeed fortunate in having her this year in view of the fact that she cooperates with and in course of time visits all the college campuses within the radius of the Southern Baptist Convention.

B. Dolfis Hardin, Reporter,
Delta State B. S. U.

A. & M. HAS BUSY WEEK BEFORE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

The A. & M. boys have had a busy week of it before departing for the Christmas holidays. In the midst of examinations for the first quarter, B. S. U. continued to carry on quietly, but earnestly. Great plans are being formulated for the coming year.

M. S. C. W. HAS A GREAT EXPERIENCE

Perhaps the happiest moment of our lives was shared last Sunday, December 14, when we went into the new Educational Building recently completed by our church for Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. There were almost a thousand in attendance on this day. A short service was held in the general auditorium, before the classes—from the Cradle Roll to the Baraca Men's Class—marched into the new building.

We are indeed proud of this new addition, for it means that we shall be able to have four great College Classes representing each class of school rather than one big, cumbersome lecture class. Our teachers are the very best. Miss Irene Ward has agreed to teach the Freshmen; Miss Bertha McKay, the Sophomores; Mrs. H. H. McClanahan, the Juniors; and Mrs. J. D. Franks, the Seniors. We feel that each of these teachers is consecrated as well as vitally interested in college girls. They have all, in fact, been closely associated with college girls for several years, and are certainly well known and loved by those students whom they will have in their classes.

Indeed, Sunday was a great day in the advancement of the Sunday School cause at M. S. C. W. and Columbus.

If the Mississippi College boys got half as much inspiration and renewed vision of living from Miss Irene Ward's visit with them last week as Miss Irene Ward got from her stay there, that place must be set on fire for God. She has come back to us with her soul set on fire for the cause of Christ, and she believes more deeply than ever before in the power of Christ to rule a life.

HOLLANDALE CHURCH

After six years of association in the services of this church, the writer is vacating the field at the close of this year.

These have been years of very pleasant association with a group of most excellent people. Bravely we have passed through one flood and one drought, which were without precedent in the history of this country, sustaining both local and denominational work without even the semblance of retrenchment.

Just before the 1927 flood we matured plans for building a new church house, and were forced by the loss of a crop, and other incident losses, to defer the undertaking. Then about a year ago we planned again to erect the building, and did make a fine start on the work, investing what cash money we could raise on the building. Our plan to borrow money, and our security on the same, was approved by a Bonding Company, and the money needed could have been thus obtained at that time, but we waited to exhaust our own resources before negotiating a loan. By the time we were ready the general financial depression was in full force all over the country, and the loan could not be made.

The building is framed, covered, and protected from weather damage, and there is not the remotest doubt in the writer's mind that the building will be completed, for it is the Lord's work, and the Lord's people are in charge. The worship and service of the church is now conducted in our beautiful school building, which furnishes every needed facility for splendid work. This new building is an exact duplicate of the new church at Senatobia, and the work thus far has been under the direction of Mr. M. O. Gann, of Senatobia, who is the peer of any builder in our state.

The writer deeply regrets to leave the field in the midst of this building engagement, but circumstances over which he has no control, and which relates to sorrowful affliction in his own family, has made this move apparently necessary. Mr. Paul Holland is the Chairman of the Pulpit Committee.

—B. F. Whitten, Pastor.

MAGNOLIA

We have just closed a series of evangelistic services in the Magnolia Baptist Church. We began on the 30th of November and continued through the 10th of December. We had favorable weather conditions and were fortunate in not having any other insurmountable hindrances. The people attended well and the spirit of revival was manifest throughout all the services. A great spiritual blessing has been granted us. All of the town with the community about us has been influenced by the meeting. The people of our church and other churches cooperated splendidly. I think that I have never known a more loyal and prayerful church than we have had here before and during these of the evangelistic campaign.

During the days of the meeting there were twenty-four received for baptism and eight by letter, making a total of thirty-two additions. Since

the second Sunday of March it has been our great joy to receive sixty-six for baptism, forty-two of them coming in our regular services before the meeting began. There have been ninety-six additions to the church by baptism and by letter since the first of January.

Dr. W. M. Bostick of Clarksdale preached for us in our meeting and Brother Jack Perkins of Newton conducted our song services. It is the consensus of opinion here that we could not have made a better selection for helpers during our evangelistic campaign. They are a royal team. Certainly no more lovable and forceful preacher can be found among us than W. M. Bostick. The Lord graciously blessed his preaching of the Word in Magnolia. In our opinion Brother Jack Perkins can hardly be excelled as a singer of the gospel hymns and he has good judgment in the selection of them and in fact getting the congregation to sing them. It was indeed delightful to work with these two beloved brethren and we are deeply grateful that God sent them to us.

Yours sincerely,

—T. W. Green.

Shreveport, La.—Wedding by radio, yes, but church immersion before the microphone was performed perhaps for the first time by Dr. M. E. Dodd, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of this city, last Sunday evening. KWKH regularly broadcasts from this pulpit 7:45 to 9:30 Sunday evenings and this was the regular evening for Baptists. John Ramond, Pastor's assistant, gave a brief oral picture of the baptism in relation to the platform, the mike was moved nearer the officiating minister, while the "death, burial, and resurrection" ceremony proceeded as usual. On the receiving and listeners reported the whole result as reverent and pictorial. During the sermon the minister had related that 3,000 northern Baptist Churches, 4,000 Presbyterian Churches, and 9,000 Southern Baptist Churches had reported not a single baptism for 1929. The First Church here reported 448 additions that year, 144 being by immersion.

Believe It or Not

The latest Scotch story concerns a member of that race, who, desiring to communicate with his folks in Chicago, asked the telegraph clerk how much a telegram would cost. He was told five cents a word for ten words, with no charge for the signature.

"There will be no charge for the signature?" he repeated.

"That's right," said the clerk.

The Scot rubbed his forehead with the pencil.

"Well," he said finally, "suppose you just send my signature."

The clerk grinned.

"All right," he said, "I'll do that for you. What's your signature?"

Another pause on the part of the Scot.

"Well," he finally murmured, "I may not look it, but I'm an Indian, and my name is I-Won't-Be-Home-Till-Friday."

Jimmy (watching something tasty going into sick room): "Please, Ma, can I have the measles when Willie's done with them?"

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